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THE BIRMINGHAM HORROR!

More than Eighty Persons Killed in the Disastrous Church Stampede, and as Many More Injured.

GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION BY AN EYE WITNESS

Between One and Two Thousand Persons Rushed for the Exit and Scores were Trampled to Death—Bodies Piled in a Heap and Those Beneath the Mass Suffocated—Cry of "Fight" Mistaken for "Fire."

Mr. Washington had sounded the key note of life. How to live high and holy lives—holding out to every Negro the royal pathway to happiness, usefulness and success when death spread its banquet. Everything savored of life, when death's dark shadow fell like a cloud over the gay, light scene, reminding one and all that in the midst of life we are in death.

In the afternoon Prof. W. H. Councill had already electrified the immense throng by one of the most masterly efforts I ever heard from an off-hand impromptu speaker. We all knew that Washington was to speak at 7 o'clock, and were wondering what he would find to say to equal or even hold his own with the splendid address of Prof. Councill's. Long before 7 o'clock the great church was crowded in every pew, in every aisle, in every window, in every gallery, on every stairway, platform, front and rear, thronged with its human cargo until not a foot of standing room was available, and fully three thousand on the outside were surging the door and front of the church. Multitudes left, counting themselves unfortunate not to gain admission, nor even hearing distance of the great speaker of the evening. I heard people mutter "if I could only see him," as they turned hopelessly away, little knowing the providence and mercy of God in their disappointment. While on the inside the heat and suffocation was like the hot breath that flares up from a furnace door—some were leaving reluctantly because the heat was so intense they had to forego the luxury of hearing Mr. Washington for health's and comfort's sake Over this sea of mortal faces the clear, soft light from five large chandeliers shone, sending its golden gleams, if anxious to chase away all suspicion of the lurking shadow of death that lurked behind its fitful flittings, waiting the dreadful hour to spring upon its mortal prey.

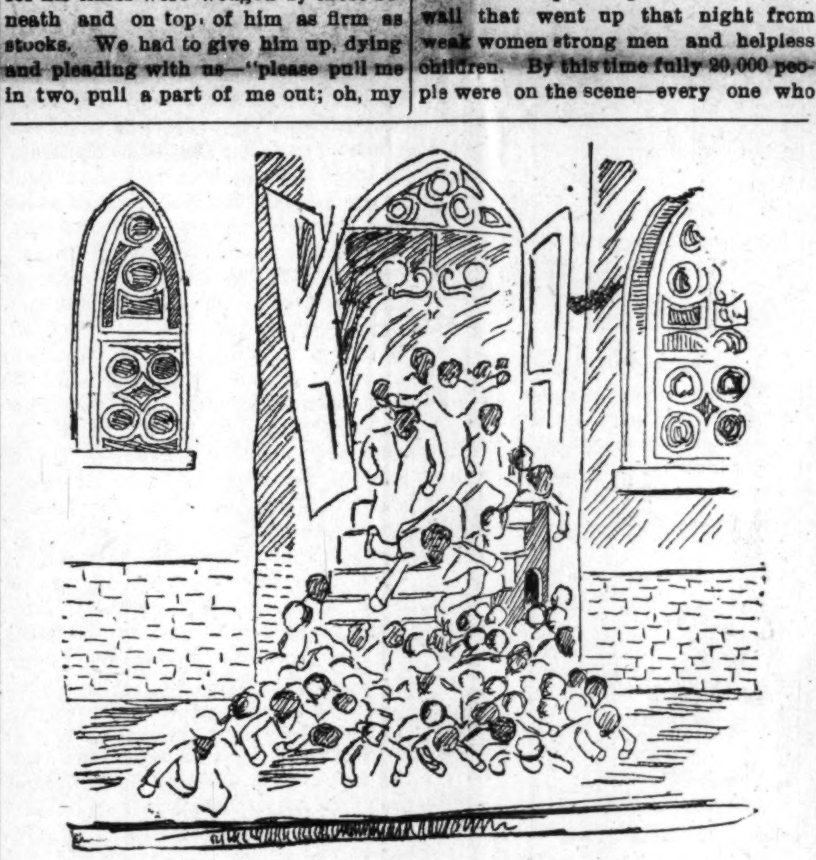
The hour had arrived and every rustle and sound that stirred the crowd was thought to be the approach of Mr. Washington. The crowd soon grew nervous and began to call for speakers to entertain until the star of the evening arrived. So, like thunder from thousands of throats, they began calling and cheering their favorite speaker until one after another had spoken in their turn, making flashes of wit and flights of oratory, tilting and jesting. When, in a flash, the vast throng was on its feet cheering and waving handkerchiefs, wild with enthusiasm, which was the signal that Mr. Washington was in the house. When he ascended the platform 5,000 people were afoot, the floors sent up, the galleries hurled back one deafening, mingled echo of applause that sounded to one like the bass voice of Niagara. When the cheering had subsided Mr. Washington proceeded in his usual manner to address himself to his task of the evening. He was at his best, and the entire effort from start to finish was a succession of surprises. Some of us who had heard him frequently and felt that he would take the beaten trend of thought and story telling, to recite his industrial hobby, felt that we could afford to yield our places and room for others who had never had the pleasure of hearing him. But we soon found that on the platform he was like a master that sits to play home, sweet home, beneath the magic and grace of whose touch we are charmed and delighted by the variations though we know the air. At each strain is a flood of music like a revelation. Orpheus Lyre. For about one hour and a half the enthusiasm was at flood and the orator seemed to chain our ears to his lips with links of gold. All was merry as marriage bells. The strong and impassionate appeal for the higher life which formed the conclusion to Mr. Washington's splendid address was still echoing through the great church when death's dark shade settled like a cloud and consternation and terror seized upon the entire audience.

The catastrophe began like this: In the surging and swaying and jostling of the crowd upon the platform some one trod upon the foot of Lawyer Ballou of Baltimore. An altercation of words ensued, in which Ballou, to play the bully, made a feint of drawing his gun, whereupon the women began to scream. One screaming "fight," "fight," which was mistook for the word "fire, fire, fire" The cry was caught up by another and then another until the frightened crowd shouted the shrill death note along the great hall, the galleries and rear caught up the cry. Women screaming, children crying, men rushing like a stampede of mad buffaloes upon a prairie. I had immediately retired from the platform upon the conclusion of Mr. Washington's address, and was half way down the rear steps when I heard the mad cry of "fire" and a thundering and clattering of feet above my head, which sounded like the galleries were coming down. I rushed down and out through the vestry, ran to a rear window of the vestry to look for the fire. I could see no fire, but, by the awful roar and piercing shrieks of the women, I thought surely the walls were collapsing. I rushed to a front basement window and leaped out a half a story to the ground, ran around to the front of the church and tried to discover the fire; saw no sign of flame or smoke, but such a sight as bursted upon my bewildering gaze frenzied me for a moment. Men and women were rushing down a ten foot flight of stairs with utterly no regard for distance nor for their fellow man, falling pell mell over one another, screaming, rolling, shouting and crying.

The main exit from the church leads down a narrow inclined causeway of brick through the church tower from twelve to fourteen feet wide and terminates at a large landing or platform about twenty feet square and ten feet above the ground. This platform was covered top and sides with those who were gathered on the outside of the church. The throng that poured through this narrow causeway swept on like a human flood, bearing down all before its mad sweep; people literally rolled down the ten foot flight of steps, one tumbled mass of humanity. Very soon the brick causeway became congealed with fully 300 people wedged in this throat of death. Still from the rear 2,000 were surging for the door. Those at the bottom of the causeway had fallen upon their faces on the landing—those behind fell upon their fellows Women, children and men were wedged twenty deep upon each other. None could move back the crowd that was pushing with frenzy. None could go forward—the door way was choked and limb and body were pinned by human pillars so that none could extricate himself from the awful death trap I fan to a side door, laid down my coat and umbrella and shouted to Rev. Taliafeir of Philadelphia, "My God, Taliafeir," (I said) 300 men, women and children are stampeded in a death lock in that doorway, and if we don't do something they will die." "What can we do?" he excitedly shouted. "Follow me," I replied, and help me to clear away the platform, then those behind can creep out in time as the front layer is removed." We rushed up the side of the steps and began pushing back the crowd that was gathering out of curiosity and excitement. I next saw my friend, Dr. Cole, of St. Louis. I said "Cole, you are a strong man, help me to clear this platform." We mounted the top, but could succeed only in part for the crowd was beyond control. We grasped those who were pinned to the floor on their faces, and tried to pull them out—groaning, bleeding and dying—such groans and cries I never heard. "Please pull me out," said one strong, stalwart-looking man. "Please pull me out," "I am dying." I grasped him by the shoulder and one policeman and a fireman, who had arrived by this time, took hold of him with me; we set back with one united swing, but could not move him for his limbs were wedged by those beneath and on top of him as firm as stocks. We had to give him up, dying and pleading with us—"please pull me in two, pull a part of me out; oh, my God, I am dying!" By this time many were at work helping to extricate those at the bottom.

This was slow work and attended by very meagre results. I soon saw that all would die before we could deliver a dozen in this way. I then said to the police, can't you do something to relieve this people. He replied, "Yes; I will turn a hose on them and scatter this crowd front an rear." I replied, no, don't do that, it would only increase the excitement and the result would be greater loss of life. I said, get your other men, go upstairs and clear the crowd away from the rear. Then I looked up and saw that others had caught the idea and were at work trying to disentangle the death lock from the rear. Among those whom I saw at work were Revs. Bacote, of Kansas, City and Miller whom, I think, deserve honorable mention for their good service. I forced my way up a side stairway and joined the relief corp in lifting the dead and dying from their graves of suffocation. Fully 200 crushed, dead and seriously injured were carried out of a side way to the open air. Mr. Washington had left and knew nothing of the fatal results of the stampede until he reached Dr. Masons, at whose residence he was stopping. Some of the men who should have been foremost in conducting the relief, kept at a great distance from any actual service except to cry "quiet" to the frantic crowd. In such a case as that, he is greatest who serves best. I saw the pastor in the death trap helping to rescue. Fully 80 dead were borne away by strong arms and bleeding hearts and thrice 80 lay bleeding or dying by suffocarion. One woman's breast had been torn away in her frantic struggle to extricate herself from the awful jam. Some were begging to die so intense was their misery. By this time bells were ringing, police, fire department and the city ambulance were arriving and the people madly rushing to and fro crying and screaming for their mothers, brothers or sisters whom they knew were somewhere in the awful press. All this mingling with the din and clatter of the wheels and hoofs, sobs and shouts was a panorama of shadows never to be forgotten. Some with candles in their hand were stepping tenderly from dead to dead, sobbing and calling them aloud by name—but from their mute lips no reply came except a dying groan and gasp. Some bending upon their knees lifted the lifeless body of parent or child in their arms and sobbed bitterly. The weeping of Rachel for her children could not surpass in pathos the awful wall that went up that night from weak women strong men and helpless children. By this time fully 20,000 people were on the scene—every one who had a friend or relative at the church was rushing to the scene. I saw some actually collapse and aloud cry for joy when they found the friend whom they feared might have been among the victims. I recovered my coat which a friend was holding, and dripping wet with prespiration and my clothing covered with the froth and saliva of the dead and dying, I turned slowly from the sickening scene and walked three squares away to quiet my nerves and collect my senses. But no spot was exempt from a bitter reminder of the awful catastrophe. It seemed like every fifth house was a house of mourning. Women paced the streets crying to the top of their voices; little groups gathering at the cottage door where some dead friend or relative had been borne. The community had caught up the panic and everybody was on the street either trying to tell or to learn how it happened. Mad threatenings and imprecations were being heaped upon the head of Ballou—whispers of what ought to be done. By mid-night all of the dead and injured had been removed except some few who had crawled beyond the church upon a vacant lot, bruised and mangled, to die alone. Some were taken to the undertakers, some to the hospitals and some to their own homes to be cared for by friends. At 2 a. m. I went to quarters to rest, while many hung about the church throughout the entire night. I was stopping at Dr. Mason's, by whom a reception had been provided for Prof. Booker T. Washington. A small party of select friends had been served at the immediate close of the speaking—but over this banquet of feast fell the sombre shadows of death, and the seats were unoccupied and the splendid menu prepared by the generosity of Dr. Mason, left untasted by most all of those invited to the reception. The next morning delegates and citizens were hurrying from house to house inquiring after their respective delegation to ascertain who were not killed. The convention was in a panic. No one seemed to want to enter the church; they stood in small groups about the scene discussing the accident. Everybody was talking of home; hasty greetings were exchanged while a living stream of grip satchels, overcoats and other necessities such as Baptist preachers carry, were lining the side walks from the church to the depot. The convention, by a consensus of opinion, had adjourned itself out of respect to the dead and bereaved. I took a noon train and left for this point. One of our Ohio delegates, a Miss Pennington, was seriously hurt. Dr. Anderson, of Evansville, Ind., was saved from death by a hair's breadth. None of the Indiana delegates were hurt, but the stampede had swept Dr. Anderson off his feet and was bearing him to the awful causeway of congestion and death, when with a super-human effort he grasped the doorfacing and threw himself up against the wall, thus narrowly escaping. REV. H. H. HARRIS.

Cincinnati, O.



FRONT VIEW OF SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

The Bishop a Visitor.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—Bishop G. W. Clinton, D. D., of the A. M. E. Zion church, spent last Thursday in the city vising Rev. M. F. Fulford on business. He preached an able sermon Thursday night at the Auditorium to a large and intelligent audience. Bishop Clinton seems to be very much elated over the progress of the A. M. E. Zion church of this city under the able pastorate of Rev. M. F. Fulford. W. H. King, (Billy King), proprietor of the Manila hotel, has been quite ill during the past two weeks, but is improving. Eugene Page left last week for Boston, Mass., to study law in a prominent law school. Rev. Jackson, Deloney and Lewis left last week for Birmingham, Ala., to attend the Baptist National convention, which convened in that place. Dr. C. M. Wade is enjoying a large practice at the St. Pythias sanitorium. Go to Redmond & Wray for first class groceries at reasonable prices, at 14 Melvern avenue. As this is the dull season of the year the headwaiters are separating the chaff from the wheat. So you "good time" waiters had better look out and save a few dimes.

Memorial Resolutions.

Covington, Ky., Special.—The Lynn Street Literary department of the Epworth League meets Monday night of each week, and renders appropriate programs before large audiences. At the last meeting it adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Literary department of the Epworth League of the C. M. E. church of Covington, join heartily in the movement to commemorate and perpetuate the life and death of that matchless orator, profound statesman and christian gentleman, William McKinley.

Richard Taylor returned from Millersburg last week. Mrs. Fannie Whaley, of Washington, is visiting relatives in the city. Mrs. Elizabeth Warner, of Washington, Ky., is the guest of Miss Amanda White, in E. Ninth street. Lark Larry died very suddenly at his home in W. Eleventh street. He was buried in Lexington, Ky.

To Erect New School Building.

Mineola, Tex., Special.—The colored people are raising money by subscription to buy land on which to erect a school house. The old building is not in a desirable place. We have succeeded in raising about $30. The building will be erected by the school board. Hands are needed to work on the dump at $1.25 and $1.50 per day. Cotton picking pays 50c and 55c per hundred. When in need of school supplies, call at S. W. Hart's drug store. See Sandy Anderson and get a copy of The Freeman every Saturday.

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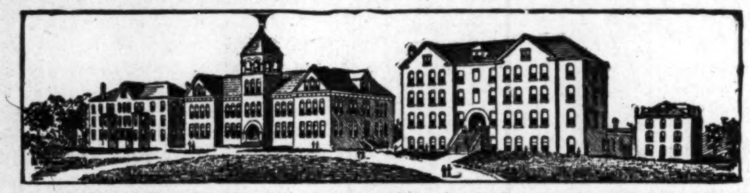

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Race Gleanings.

Gautemala has an American Negro millionaire in the person of John Knight formerly a slave in Alabama.

Geo. W. Murray, formally Congress man from South Carolina, owns 9,000 acres in his state.

Mr. Henry Clay Bruce, brother of the late Register of the Treasury B. K. Bruce died in Washington and was buried on last Wednesday.

A rather queer case in North Carolina came up in Raleigh last week when Frank Abrams, a white man, was accused of stealing corn from William Russell, a well te do colored farmer. He was sent to jail in default of a bond for $50.

A colored woman employed as stenographer and critic in the office of the New York World, receives a salary of $1400 a year.

The Masonics of Washington, D. C., have erected a beautiful and spacious home, which is a credit to the race. It has all modern improvements. The main auditorium will accommodate 1000 guests. It has a beautiful cafe dining room, which will seat 200 people. The location is one of the finest in the district and centrally located.

Clifford Brown, a young colored Missourian, is a noted machinist. He has been for years with Fairbanks & Morse Standard Scale Company, and has achieved such an excellent reputation for skill that he is now accounted an expert and is now frequently employed the largest business houses.

There is a movement on foot among the colored capitalists of Jacksonville, Fla., to equip and operate a street car line.

Hon. W. J. Oglesby of Oakland, Cal., died a few Weeks ago. He was the first colored man admitted to the bar in the state of California and had the reputation of being one of the best criminal lawyers in that state.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar is himself again after a serious illness of several months' duration. He gave a recital of his work in Chicago, Aug. 26, and received an ovation upon his appearance for the initial number.

C. J. Lewis of Troop M, Tenth Cavalry, thinks the army is a good place for the colored man to learn discipline, regular habits and save money, and affords an opportunity to study on the side. He speaks well of Santiago as an outlet for American Negro talent. He joins his troop at Fort Robinson, Neb.

Mrs. J. K. Weeks of Tampa, Fla., is the only colored woman jeweler and watchmaker in the United States.

No better evidences of the progress of the race can be found than that of J. G. Groves, a Negro, who started with 75 cents and is now worth $190,000, owning city property and some of the finest farms in Kansas. He lives in Edwardsville, in the state of Kansas. He is a confident believer in the future of his race and in the result of earnest and well directed labor.

The Negroes of New Orleans, La., are preparing to fight the jim-crow street car law which goes into effect Oct. 15 They will first go to the courts to test its validity, and also raise $25,000 to establish and operate a line of vehicles to be controlled entirely by Negroes for the accommodation of Negro travel in that city. Let the Negroes all pull together and make this law an inglorious failure like the Negroes did in Montgomery, Ala.

There will be a farmers' convention at Lincoln Institute on Wednesday, November 1, for the purpose of encouraging farming among the Negroes of Missouri and adjoining states, and of putting them in touch with the agricultural department recently established at Lincoln Institute. All farmers and friends of education are invited to be present. For further information, write to President B. F. Allen, Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo.

Moberly Happenings.

Moberly, Mo., Special.—School opened Monday morning, the 15th, with a large attendance. The teachers are Prof. H. C. Vaughn, room 4; Prof. J. H. Coleman, room 3; Mrs. A. B. Brooks, room 2; Miss Bessie V. Tymony, room 1. Mrs. Bessie Henderson of St. Louis, Mo., was the guest of her father, Mr. George Tolbert, on Sunday, the 14th Mrs. Amanda Tymony, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. L. B. McCampbell, and her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Barton, in Kansas City, Mo., returned home Monday night, the 15th. Miss Carrie Harney has returned from DesMoines, Iowa. Mrs T. B. Burris and children of Macon were guests of Mrs. John Burns on Saturday, the 13th. Prof. A. B. Bolden on Friday, the 12th, to open his school near St. Joe. Miss Sarah F. Fort opened her school at Woodlawn on Monday, the 15th. Mr. Lewis Gilman and Miss Eva Christopher are on the sick list. Mrs. Charlotte Craig arrived on Sunday, the 15th, from Middle Grove to attend the bedside of her son, Lewis Gilman Mrs. Modest M. Lewis of Kansas City spent Sunday in our city. Misses Beulah Tolbert and Vertie Lee Vaughn left on Sunday, the 14th, for an indefinite stay in St. Louis. Success to The Freeman.

General Topics.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special. Mrs. Susie Smith, Ellen Dunlop, Hattie Chrisel and Mrs. Emma Tompkins gave a beautiful reception at the residence of Mrs. L. W. Cross 9th inst. in honor of Mrs Katie Clay and Nannie Strong, of Nastville, Tenn. and Iowa respectively. Dainty refreshments were served. All had a jolla time. Wesley Chaple A. M. E. church, will lay its corner stone Sunday Oct. 5. Elaborate exercises and the addresses of Bishops Lane and Phillips who are specially invited personages will be the day's crowning features, in memoriam of the day when the former church was destroyed by fire. Rev. J. W. Luckett, of Hopkinsville Ky. will address the masses at Wesley chapel Sept. 22. Miss Bessie Barbany left for Lane college, Sunday Sept. 14. V S. Dabney an esteemed young man of this city has taken leave for Indianapolis where he will remain indefinitely. M. C. Dunbar and W. H. Terry have opened a first-class grocery in Buck's building. Wm Diggs and Max Stamps well known tonsorial artists have opened a first-class barber shop on Strawberry street. The Negro Index, the colored journal oe this city has reappeared in new form after a brief suspension. Queen of Sheba, that entrancing Biblical play was given at Wesley Chapel Sept. 18.

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ROSEBUDS.

For the proper training of the young and their development in thrift, industry and brotherly love, there has been formed a Children's Department known as the Rosebuds. Twenty or more children not less than three nor more than fourteen years of age may from a Rosebud, upon the payment of $1.00 each. This department like the Senior Fountain pays sick benefits from $1.00 to twenty-five cents per week and death benefits from $24.50 to $37.00. The monthly dues are fifteen cents per month.

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14 to 25	$ 2 50	$ 200 00	$ 100 00	$ 4 75	$ 1 20
25 to 30	2 75	200 00	100 00	4 75	1 20
30 to 35	3 00	200 00	100 00	4 75	1 20
35 to 40	3 25	200 00	100 00	5 70	1 43
40 to 45	3 50	140 00	70 00	5 79	1 43
45 to 50	3 75	115 00	58 00	6 65	1 66
50 to 55	4 00	90 00	45 00	6 65	1 66
55 to 60	4 25	65 00	33 00	7 60	1 90

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AGES.	Joining Fee	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Value of Certificate before 1 yr	Annual Dues	Q'rterly Dues
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25 to 30	5 25	500 00	250 00	9 50	2 40
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35 to 40	5 75	500 00	250 00	10 40	2 60
40 to 45	6 00	450 00	225 00	10 40	2 60
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AGES.	Joining Fee	Value of Certificate	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues
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30 to 35	12 00	1000 00	22 00	5 50
35 to 40	12 00	900 00	23 00	5 75
40 to 45	13 00	800 00	24 00	6 00
45 to 50	13 00	700 00	25 00	6 25

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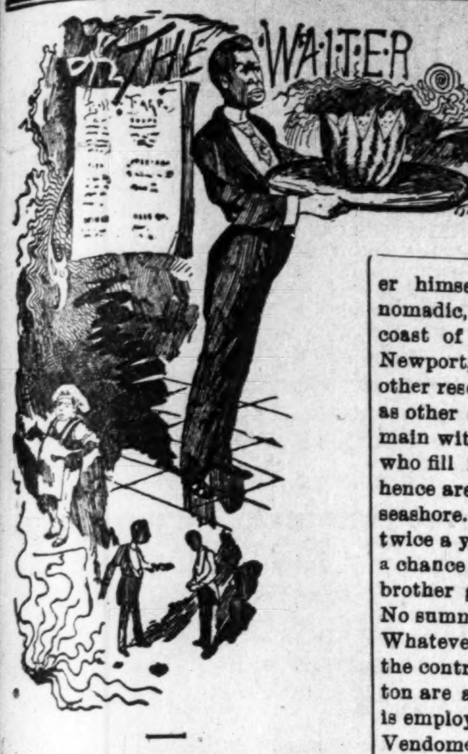

THE WAITER PREDICAMENT.

A Phenomenal Response to J. O. Hurst's Article on "Passing Of Colored Waiters" by an Advancing and Intellectual Sidewaiter.

[Extracted from 'The Hotel Life."]

In the August number of your paper appeared an article from the pen of J. O. Hurst on the "Passing Of Colored Waiters." Mr. Hurst calls attention to the deplorable fact that the colored waiter in New York is a "thing of the past." "Why this is so," says Mr. Hurst, "is not easy to answer." If the colored waiter gave poor service, was disrespectful, never cheerful and pleasant, then the reason would be obvious at a glance, but when we consider that the colored waiter gave good service, was always respectful, obliging, always cheerful and pleasant the problem becomes one of vital concern. To most of us who belong to the colored race there is but one answer to the solution of the problem, to-wit:

"That old-time American prejudice against the Negro." From those who think thus I beg leave to differ. I think the true reason is to be found in the shiftless disposition of the colored waiter himself. The colored waiter is nomadic, he spends his winter on the coast of Florida and his summer at Newport, Lenox, Barharbor and various other resorts. Hotel proprietors as well as other employers prefer help who remain with them the year round to those who fill in for two or three months, hence are off to the mountains or the seashore. By giving up his situation twice a year he gave his white brother a chance to get in, and when the white brother got in he knew how to stay. No summer or winter resort for him. Whatever may be said of New York to the contrary the colored waiters of Boston are a "thing of the present." He is employed at such hotels as Young's, Vendome, Brunswick, Cecil, Savoy, Castle Square, etc. He has learned, years ago, that the "rolling stone gathers no moss." He knows how to adhere to his job, and he is appreciated. The colored waiters are becoming less shiftless as he becomes more intelligent, and it is only a matter of time when he will regain his lost titles.

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TUCKER'S APPROVAL.

I acquiesce in the writer's opinion. It is an adinfinitum lane that has no end. When we consider and become more systematized, and learn to adhere to our profitable annual position, learning the value of our job and a dollar figuratively, we will be adhering to an exceptionally available discipline, which will demonstrate a rapid future progress in our predicaments. Hence the fraternity will be apprised by our general actions as to what we are capable of doing and just how much a competent colored waiter amounts to adinterim we will adduce proof of our competition.

W. E. T.

From Away Down in Mobile.

Among the kitchen crew of the new Battle House is Sam Hoges, formerly chef of the Oglethorpe, Blonwich, Ga., and New Benville, Mobile, Ala., who has succeeded the white chef of the new Battle House. His crew is as follows:

Sam Hoges, chef; D. W. Rice, second; A. J. Brown, broiller; Ed Hackwerth, third; Luke Jackson, pantryman; Steven Mare, foreman.

Waiters will be in great demand in Mobile this winter as the boys have scattered. At present there is only two good waiters idle. Clord Matthews, headwaiter of the Benville, who has been headwaiter this summer at the Mexican Gulf hotel at Pass Chistange, Miss., has returned home to take charge of the Benville this winter.

There was a hot time in Birmingham, Ala., Tuesday, the 16th, at the State Republican Convention on account of the majority of the Negroes in the State have been disfranchised. The Lilly White Republicans have declared war on the office holders of the State who never show their hands only when it comes time to call a State or National Convention. The Colored Men's Suffrage Association that was organized in Montgomery, Ala., on the 14th of last August, is making a great effort to raise $50,000 to contest the suffrage clause of the Federal Constitution. Its officers and executive committee have called a mass meeting in Mobile, to meet at Emanuel A. M. E. church on the 23d inst., to form a local organization. Hon. G. W. Lovejoy, vice-president; J. S Davis, executive committeeman from first congressional district.

Rev. W. H. Davenport and Rev. R. A. Marrisie, Zionton masses, have just returned home from the Zion Council held in Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allen are attending the Letter Carriers' Association in Denver, Col.

Among the many entertainments given this summer was that of Miss Senie Davis on the 12th. There were a jolly crowd of young people present and all had a nice time. Ice cream, champagne, punch, cake and mixed candy were the refreshments. Music by orchestra.

The cry in Mobile now is "Davis, where is The Freeman?" Here it is; pay for it.

J. S. DAVIS.

From Meridian, Miss.

Editor Freeman—Please give us a puff in your Waiter Department as we read your noted paper every week, and learn how our hotel waiters are getting along. The Southern Hotel has been released by Mr. W. H. Millspaugh for the next six years. He still has M J. Durden standing at the helm as headwaiter, Charles M. Dockry, second waiter, G. W. Hall, captain with Ed Barker, Wash Plumy, G. W. Moore, Johnnie Mayo, James Borden, Will Gibbs, Alex Young and James Huston as side waiters. With this crew the Southern is bound to move forward.

CHARLES M. DOCKRY,
Second Waiter.

From the Cream City.

A neat little sum was raised by subscription among the employes of the Plankinton house, Milwaukee, Wis., for the benefit of the pastor of the A. M. E. church last week. We are preparing for the reception of President Roosevelt, who is expected to be in our city on the 24th inst. Both churches were well attended last Sunday.

It seems a hard matter for some of the members of the Head and Second Waiters Association to understand that at the last convention at Buffalo the benefit clause was abolished and the association is not a benefit association, but simply the Head and Second Waiters' National Association. We are of the opinion, however, that when the benefit clause was abolished the goose that laid the golden egg was killed.

John B. Goins, author of "The American Colored Waiter," and formerly headwaiter at the Louisville hotel, Louisville, Ky., and late of the Leland hotel cafe, is now headwaiter at the great West Baden hotel, West Baden, Ind.

Jacob L. Cook, a well-known waiter in Chicago, contemplates spending the winter in Texas. Good idea, Mr. Cook, coal will be awfully high this winter.

R. E Bradley, headwaiter at the Menger hotel San Antonio, Tex., spent his summer vacation in Colorado Springs, Col.

Samuel Block, formerly headwaiter at the Aberdeen hotel, St. Paul, is now headwaiter at the Merchants, that city.

The Hotel Richmond, Washington, D. C., will reopen in October and Mr. W. T. Naylor will again be headwaiter.

H. A. Barton is second waiter for J. B. Goins at West Baden, Ind.

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It must to have been a bitter pill for Joel Chandler Harris when his two sons who are city and managing editors of the Atlanta Constitution, fell over each other in praise of the delegates to the Negro Young Peoples' Congress, which met in that city recently. How different the comment of that paper would have been if Joel Chandler Harris had of been editor and the congress had of met along about the time Mr. Harris wrote his greatest book, "Uncle Remus." In the words of Bro. Jasper, "de sun do move."

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If some of our young M. D.'s would devote more time to the studying of therapentics, the profession as well as suffering humanity would be benefitted.

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At the late State primary election in South Carolina Tillman and Tillmanism received a black eye. Commenting upon the same one of the leading dailies of the South says:

The Tillman influence in South Carolina is evidently waning, if the recent Democratic primaries are not misleading. In these primaries the Tillman who was a candidate for governor ran fourth in the race and the candidates who were recognized as having the Tillman backing were uniformly defeated. Let us hope that in all this there is a healthy indication of improvement in South Carolina politics and that the reign of the Tillmans is nearing the end.

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The death rate of Russia is higher than any other country, and the average life of its inhabitants is only 29 years.

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Love ye one another, and especially those of your own race.

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The doctor would prescribe absolute rest and plenty of out-door exercise for Rev. J. A. Jones, of Pulaski, Tenn.

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The high death rate of the colored people in the Southern cities is due to the fact that a large number lives in dilapidated houses and unhealthy districts, caused by not observing the laws of hygiene. A little more time and money spent along the line above, and less time and money spent on excursions would remedy 75 per cent.

The lily whites have captured North and South Carolina, Alabama and Texas, and thus the colored voters are being annihilated by two dangerous foes in the South.

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In taking a seat at The Freeman's round table, "the Doctor" greets the members of the staff and rises to remark that it is well to be here. The Doctor will carefully examine all the topics of the day and endeavor to prescribe according to the diagnosis. This will be especially true in regards to the race problem. The importance of a proper diagnosis in such cases is obvious becaue the prognosis depends on the diagnosis.

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The intelligence of the colored voters of Illinois is being thoroughly tested and the result of the test will be announced by the returns of the election on the 4th of November. The contest is between the Hon. W. E. Mason and one A. J. Hopkins for the United States Senate. Senator Mason has always been a champion of the colored man's rights as a citizen, even before he went to the Senate and since he has spoken in no unmistakable terms in behalf of the colored citizens.

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Congressman A. J. Hopkins has always sided with that class of Republicans who insults and ignores the colored politicians "Unless we forget" it was this same Hopkins, who as chairman of the committee used his official influence to strangle the Crumpacker Bill and thus he has again sided with those who are disfranchising the race. And now Hopkins has the gall to go before the colored voters and ask the suffrage he has endeavored to disfranchise. Yes, truly the intelligence of the Illinois colored voter is being tested.

Notes, Personal and General.

Camilla, Ga., Special:—David Clayton left for the Tuskegee, Normal and Industrial Institute, Sept. 9. His many friends wish him success. Mrs. M. Scott of Coca Fla., has been visiting relatives here for some time. Mrs. Hattie Wright of this city is visiting parents in Riddcock. Miss Ida Monger was in Thomasville a few days this week. Mr. King Brown was married to Miss Carrie Saunders on the 28th last. C. A. Florence has accepted a position with Mr. Davis & Co. The Supreme Circle of Ga., is still paying of all old claims. Rev Chas. H. Payne of Valdosta was the guest of Mr. Sam Wilson last week. Mrs. T. B. Cohens has returned from a long visit to Mautrie. She reports a good time. Prof. Williams is still principal of the high school.

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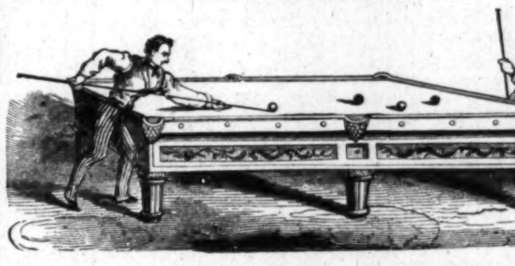

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DON'T GIVE UP THE BOOKS.

The old literary spirit that was rife a dozen years ago has left us, and books beyond the bare necessity for schools are now an irridescent dream. The book idea has passed out as a short lived fad—fashionable for the time being, then numbered with the things that were. But the pity of it all is, that we have a great deal to say about superior attainments and facilities, yet the very sign of those things are wanting—a literary spirit as can be only evidenced through books. In the South, it is maintained, that there is a different spirit regarding such matters which, if true, must be charged up to the racial situation which seems to be responsible for a good many things—some good, some bad. In the North we do not have the external incentives that are notable in the South where the colored people are practically alone when it comes to education; they relying on themselves totally for higher education. They have their own high schools, accademies, colleges and universities; these keep up the literary spirit perforce of circumstances. In the North the colored people have but little planning and thinking to do; they do the absorbing only, and which absorption is not always susceptible to a wringing. They think they have the better of the situations, and they have for they do not have to toil. But what about results?

Really the situations should have but very little to do with the literary spirit. A people will know and be judged according as it reads. There can be but little deception in the matter. A bookless people may seem to get on; they may flatter themselves that they do get on, but the knowing ones will not have it that way, and when the test comes there will be a reading of titles.

The literary society of the past, perhaps, was not never a true indicator of the intellectual status, but it was the truest indicator of the disposition of the people. The crudeness of years ago should have given away by this time to better things of the kind, but no; we have a downright literary dearth at which no one is alarmed, and all goes as well as marriage bells.

It would be quite out of the question to expect all of the people to get "excited" about literaries, but something is wrong if some of them do not become "excited." The people around us are not spasmodic in their attention to this phase of their life, and it appears that in this respect they, as an example, ought to be imitated with the same fidelity noted in other matters that do not stand for near so much.

An aristocracy of letters will sound quite as well as an aristocracy of clothes or looks, and will be infinitely of more real value. Those who have limited opportunities for knowing life, manners, good morals aside from the grand lessons of heroism and human philosophy and such like, can do no better thing than read good books—choosing kings and queens for associates, if needs be, if they, as they should, stand for the best among mankind. Unfortunately they have not always stood for the best, but that is no part of this argument. The expression is figurative and simply means, choose the best of earth for associates—at least for examples. The reader, more or less, follows more intimately the fortunes of the better character in fiction, and as a rule bad men are not dealt with in biography and history, hence good results must come to those who read much. Early lives are nearly as much influenced by books as they are by association.

The books of the Dickens order come nearer being the ideal for common people. They eliminate, court life and aristocracy as themes which too often teach lessons not on the progam. Show and pageant, the gaudy trappings of the world are too much for the too curious minds; they breed discontent. Sol Smith Russell hits it in his "Poor Relations." He was loved immensely, that is his character, and why? To be contented with an humble lot is the great need of the race; not to disguise it in merry making and frivolities, sorts of social dissipation—but to nobly endure. Good books of the order mentioned will make the common people happier.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE ANNEXED.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat thinks there is a movement on foot by a syndicate of capitalists for the annexation of Hayti. It is a pity that the annexation idea should be fostered by anything that bears the semblance of trusts and combines, associations that are growing very unpopular in this country. Politics, it will be admitted, has had much to do in fixing these vast corporations in the public mind as engines of destruction, forces to grind the common people to the earth. Any movement engineered by these money combines will be treated with suspicion and distrust.

Hayti has certainly laid herself liable to absorption which would be in the interest of governmental stability on the Western hemisphere. It is to be very much regretted that what is supposed to be the best representative of governments by black men should at this time by political distractions and dissensions present a government of misrule rather than that orderly proceedure that characterizes the governments in general of the western continents. Hayti has no right to exist as a free and independent State unless it conforms to the political deportment of the better governments as it concerns the peaceful issues of its administrations, and even though it fails in the progressive spirit that marks the first governments of to day.

It is not a beautiful spectacle to have foreign gunboats making invasions, depredations, seizures, demolitions or what not under the nose of the United States. Our government may manifest unconcern and all that, but the little German affair was not at all appetizing. It is safe to say that this country is in no mood to see such actions repeated even if Hayti must disapper from the map.

There are those who are urging that the United States annex the island owing to its deplorable social conditions. Cannibalism, savagery and downright heathendom is said to prevail, all of which is somewhat informing. We are not of the opinion that the United States is the trustee of God to bring about the social reformation of the world nor are we delegated the world's moral scavengership. If Hayti is annexed it should be for good and sensible, and, moreover, logical reasons and not because it is a site de spoliation owing to its productiveness or its favorable situation. Hayti has as much right to be favorably situated as larger governments, and as much right to enjoy the products of its fields. But it has also a right to preserve the peaceful tenor of the Western Hemisphere, and it is this that that country is not doing. It should be an example of peace rather than war. It should be a model government inasmuch as it stands for the best capabilities of the Negroes—the repository of their governing possibilities, to which they have intently looked forward for good reports. But it has lamentably failed, not at the meddling hands of disturbers and outer intriguers, but through internecine strife such as becomes the annals of the history of the darker ages. It is this that should be ended if it means annexation.

MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED KILLED.

Last Saturday morning, Sept. 20th, the civilized world was startled by the horrifying intelligence that at least one hundred people had been killed outright in and about the Shiloh Baptist church of Avenue G and Eighteenth street, Birmingham, Ala.

The occasion was the National Baptist Convention, which had wound up its sessions. The members of the convention with friends and visitors to the extent of two thousand souls had gathered to listen to an enjoyable part of the occasion, a speech from Booker T. Washington. The speaker had about finished his speech when an altercation, it is said, took place in the choir, at which some one yelled "they are fighting." The great audience mistook the expression, construing "fighting" to "fire." Then began a scene that beggars description. As ona man the vast assemblage of two thousand people rose from their seats and began a wild stampede for the main exit, which was in the rear of the house. In vain did the cooler heads exhort the audience to be quiet. "Quiet" was also mistaken for fire, and gave added impetus to the struggling, retreating congregation that was bent on but one purpose—to flee the place. A congestion of humanity took place at once—a mass of writhing persons, the weaker ones falling and fainting—yea dying, while the stronger ones stampeded over their prostrate forms. Pandemonium prevailed. Women, children and men in one tangled mass, yelling, screaming, fighting, struggling for the goal, the main exit of the church. Many of those that reached the door found a veritable death trap. The auditorium is approached by steps from the outside about fifteen feet high, which steps have brick walls on either side, enclosing recesses between the steps and walls. From the tremendous force behind hundreds were thrown from the steps headlong to the pavement below until the recesses became vast pits of the dead and dying. Those escaping death suffered from maimed and distorted limbs and crushed bones. Many were suffocated by the deadly crush that no hand could stay.

Determined men aided by the police began at once to relieve the situation. For three hours they toiled with the prostrate forms, bearing them from the fated church, not knowing they be living or dead. The death gulleys at either side of the steps were relieved of its medley of destruction. The night was one vigil—the stoutest hearts will not forget it.

The sun of September 20th rose on a gruesome sight in the city of Birmingham, Ala. Scores of individuals that had entered that church on that now memorable night with bounding life now lay swathed in death or broken—wounded. The hurrying and scurring of ambulances, dead wagons and hearses struck to the heart of the sered and tender alike. Relatives and friends wrapped in hope and fear made the rounds of the charnel houses to learn what fate had meted out to them. Distress and despair were stamped on all faces, and the place took on a funeral gloom.

On Sunday, September 21st, was the day of funerals for the city of Birmingham. Nearly two scores of people were interred in the various burial grounds for the colored people. The remaining dead were buried later on, with which one of the greatest catastrophes of modern times passes into history.

It is said that those killed in the great catastrophe in Birmingham were of that city.

CHL. HARRISON, IF YOU PLEASE.

Col. Russell B. Harrison has proven too much for Adjutant W. C. Liller of the Spanish-American War Veterans, which body met for reunion in this city this week. On Monday this same Liller was endeavoring to have that body pass resolutions which should have for their purpose the exclusion of Negroes from membership in the organization. Mr. Liller was opposed, as he should have been, and especially by Col. Russell B. Harrison, whose title the adjutant-general found it "convenient" to omit when giving the minutes of a previous meeting.

There is no force that can keep Negro soldiers who participated in the late war, if only to the extent of enlisting, from having an organization of Spanish-American War Veterans. The fact that they were enlisted is their only necessary initiation. They may be excluded from this camp or that camp, but they can and ought to organize as the colored men of the G. A. R. and claim their position. The events of war have fixed them. No man nor set of men can change their status. They are Spanish-American War Veterans even should they never respond to the tapping of the drum.

Liller and his resolution was an offense even should the import have been to fix the status of the late soldiers as those of the G. A. R., in that it was not necessary to resolve to do so. We are not acquainted with the disposition of the colored men on the question, but we are of the opinion that they prefer camps as they had them in the army—separate and distinct yet a part of the great whole. The general organization certainly does not expect less.

Mr. Liller finds himself subject to a court-martial on Tuesday, where he must answer charges of another nature, and which may cut off his official career.

President Roosevelt made two of his characteristic speeches in this city during his visit last Tuesday. In addressing the Spanish American War veterans he laid particular stress on the service of the soldiers in the two latter wars, to the country. He is in for the preparedness of the army and navy in equipment, in training. He dwelt upon the unit of those bodies—the individual, insisting that it was also the man behind the gun that counted.

The president is a pleasing speaker, devoid of the oratorical flourish and seems to take particular delight in saying things all the time. He utters no meaningless platitudes, but like a careful college professor, seems to feel that time is too precious to be wasted in vainglorious attempts to shine per se. He is Mr. Roosevelt.

It is needless to say that the people of this community were greviously shocked when they learned that the injury sustained by the President at Pittsfield, Mass., a few weeks ago, compelled him to undergo an operation for the same in this city.

The operation which was due to an abcess on his leg, took place at the St. Vincent Hospital of this city. The outcome which was at no time considered dangerous was highly successful, but according to the best medical advice he was forced to cancel all future appointments so that he might have the required rest.

Prof. F. B. Allen was nominated by the Republicans of Mound City, Ill., for County Treasurer. Mr. Allen is well known in Indianapolis where he at one time was editor of The Freeman and later on was a teacher in the public schools. He is a useful and valuable man and we hope him the success he so richly deserves.

The prosperous times which we enjoy are half of the campaign argument in favor of the Republican party.

Everything leads towards Republican success in the State of Indiana this fall. The democrats have no issue at all.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Holds 52d Annual Session—A Week's Gleaning of Spicy News.

Cairo, Ill., Special.—The 52d annual session of the Mt. Olive Baptist Association convened with the Silome Baptist church, Unionville, Ill., Thursday morning, with Rev. D. Parks, moderator, in the chair. After devotional exercises the moderator declared the session ready for business. The welcome address was delivered by the pastor, Rev. I. W. Winston, of Deqnoin, and was responded to by Rev. E. Hall, pastor St. Paul Baptist church, Deqnoin. The moderator then delivered his annual address, which was timely and replete with deep thought. He then appointed a committee on enrollment, which reported 55 messengers present, 38 churches represented, 2 dropped churches restored to membership and 2 petitions for membership. The report of the committee was received and the moderator appointed a committee on nomination of officers for the ensuing year, which recommended the following: Elder J. H. Knowles, of Cairo, moderator; Elder W. P. Washington, of Brookport, vice-moderator; Elder I W. Washington, Duquoin, clerk, Elder J. B. McCary, Metropolis, recording secretary; Elder J. W. Rawlett, Metropolis, corresponding secretary; Elder F. Robinson, Metropolis, treasurer. The report was received and a motion was offered to adopt the report as read, but was objected to by Elder C. C. Phillips, of Golconda, who spoke earnestly against its adoption, and offered an amendment striking out the name of J. H. Knowles for moderator and inserting the name of D. Parks. The amendment was lost, then the main report was put and adopted as a whole. The new officers were then installed by the retiring moderator. The new moderator made some very interesting remarks and read the constitution and rules of decorum, and said he would take them as his guide, and asked the co-operation of the body to assist him. He then appointed the various committee for the work that was before the association, and their reports reflected credit upon themselves and honor upon the association. The committee on State and Standing of Churches made their report, and found one W. B. Brown and followers wholly unqualified for membership into the association from the fact that they were excluded from the First Baptist church, Cairo. The amount of $189.46 was raised during the session.

Mrs. Barbara A. O. Baker is having success with her school at Beechridge. She has 40 pupils. Mrs. Carrie Fields was called to Saxon, Mo., to attend the funeral of her uncle. Mrs. Bettie Sykes has moved to 631 Seventeenth street. Mrs. M. B. Neely, of 4012 Sycamore street, is ill. Miss Frances Scruggs is ill at her home in Fourteenth street. Mrs. Susie McGee has been the the guest of Mrs. N. Williams, 1503 Walnut street, for the past month, will return to her home in St. Louis soon. Ed. Overby would like to learn the whereabouts of Mrs. Mary Loy and her two daughters, Nettie Jennings and Alice Hamilton. When last heard from they were in St. Paul, Minn., or Racine, Wis. Mrs. Ella Snearling and daughter are convalescing at the home in Twenty-sixth street. Mrs. Lulu Hordge, of Twenty-first street, is improving very slowly. George Scott, of Twenty-third street, is visiting relatives in the South. Mrs. J. C. Homer, of Greenville, Miss., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Owens, in Twenty-third street. Mrs. Norsa Davis, of Lyon county, Ky., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hardge, in Twenty-first street. Wyatt Robinson is dangerously ill at his home 919 Twenty-ninty street. Mrs. Jordan Williams, of Kansas City, Mo., is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. C. Kelly, of Thirty-second street. Master Robert Bland, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Goode for several weeks, has returned to his home in Duquoin. The saloon men are reaping a rich harvest, as the crop of candidates are showing "the boys" what royal good fellows they are.

Terse, Timely Topics.

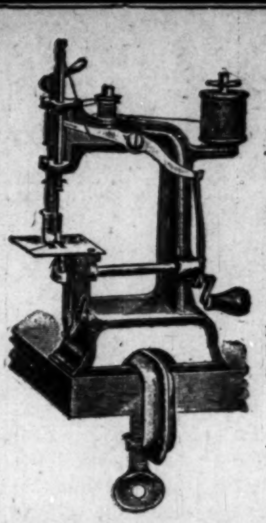
Mound City, Ill., Special.—Ed. Sams is quite ill. Charles Penn is on the sick list. Dr. C. B. Powell and Mrs. Rosa Scovy are convalescent. Miss Fannie Alexander has returned home from St. Louis. Mrs. Lillie Chrice left on the 19th to take charge of the school in Eddyville, Ky. Mrs. Gertrude Mumphreys, now of East St. Louis, has returned to remove her household goods. Mrs. Bell Thompson and little daughter have gone to Terre Haute, Ind., to reside. Rev. H. C. Burton will leave Monday for annual conference of the A. M. E. church at Decatur. Miss Ida McKinney visited her mother Sunday. C. L. Rice visited in Cairo Sunday. Miss Dollie Adams will leave soon for St. Louis, where she will reside with her brother. Mrs. George Kelly entertained at Dinner Prof. Arter, Revs. John Stovall, S. R. Bullock and A. J. Donaldson. Mrs. Moore, of Charleston, Mo., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Ellis in High street. The Knights of Tabor recently conferred five new degrees on several of its members. The initiation of the pro tem Masonic body will occur on the 29th. The Sunflower social club entertained Tuesday evening at the S. M. T. hall in honor of Mrs. Susie Steele, of St. Louis, and Miss Mamie Haynes, of New Madrid, Mo. A large number of guest were present and quite an enjoyable time was had by all. Sol Sams, of Kentucky, is visiting his brother John in this city. Prof. Frank B. Allen was nominated by the Republicans in primary election on the 20th inst., for the responsible position of County Treasurer. As the party has a majority of about 1,200 votes, there is no question as to his election in November. James Campbell wishes to know the wheresbouts of his brother, Henry Campbell. When last heard of, last December, he was living on a farm in the community of Henderson, Ky. On the 17th occurred the death of Mrs. Julia Reed, an old and respected resident of this city. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her departure. The funeral services were held at the Second Freewill Baptist church. Mrs. Cason, on upper Main street, keeps ice cream every day. Flora E. Howard has received word that she passed the civil service examination held at Cairo on April 10th. Her name is now on the eligible list for appointment to a government position.

Muncie Items.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—The funeral of Mr. Charles Scott, who died Thursday evening, Sept. 18, was held at the Second Baptist church, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Beach Grove cemetery. The A. M. E. and Second Baptist churches held union services throughout the day last Sunday, which were largely attended. Miss Mussetta McCray has returned from an extended visit to Springfield, O. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stoke are entertaining their neice, Mrs. J. Gray Lucas of Chicago, Ill. Dr. and Mrs. Nowell will move into their new home this week. Mrs. Emma Willis left, Sunday, the 21st, for an extended visit with relatives in Cincinnati, O. Mrs. Long of Whitely had an opperation performed one day last week, and is reported convalescing nicely. Will Mathews has accepted a position at the Elk's club. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Downs died and was buried from the residence on South Hackly street last Thursday afternoon. J. M. Robbins made a flying trip to Fairmont, Ind., Monday of last week.

A Budget of Items.

Jackson, Mich., Special.—John Wesley is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith of Albion were in the city last Sunday. Julius Roberts was in the city last Sunday. Miss Effie Johnson spent a couple of days in Albion last week. Miss Cora Chase of Battle Creek and James Goodall spent Sunday in the city. Mrs. Lena Mathews left last Friday for Adrian, Mich. Mrs. Hopkins and daughter of Ann Arbor have moved to Jackson. Hallas Loving is sick at the hospital. Ray Johnson left on Saturday for Adrian, Mich. Mr. Robert Jones is in the city. Any one wishing The Freeman will please call on our agent, Miss Flossie M. Johnson, 216 E. Franklin street.



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Gleaners Re-organized.

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SLICK HAIR.

Miss Lula Carson of Adairsville, Ga., writes the O. O. M. Co., July 28, 1902, the following interesting letter: Dear Sir.—I have used one bottle of the Ozonized Ox Marrow and my hair is just as slick as silk and Oh, how it has grown. Every colored person should use it. For further particulars see advertisement "Wonderful Discovery" in this paper.

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Geo. A. Swan says to A.—"I am still looking. My address is Lewiston, Idaho.

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James P. Jones, L. Cooper and the Houseleys send regards to Lawrence Chenault and offer a cheerful reward for his address.

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Mr. L. Cooper sends regards to 1705 Gratiot street and says "If the same people inhabit this No., please write. Toad, make them write will you.

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Harry Fidler left Wednesday to join the Famous Georgias at Denver Colorado. His brother, Henry Colvin, will have charge of the Hotel Fidler during his absence.

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Harry Eaton of the team of Eaton & Jackson send regards to Geo. Bailey and Geo. Titchner. They are still in New England and from the way they are being re-engaged they can't tell when they will will come West.

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P. G. Lowery writes:—W. I. Swain visited the circus at Huntington, Ind., and was warmly received by everybody. His company was with him but he spent the most of his time with the colored band and vaudeville. He was very proud of the enterprise.

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Frederick Hammond and his band were, last week, engaged by Robert Campbell to give band concerts nightly in front of the Bijou Theatre, Pittsburg Pa. during the engagement of the White Slave company. Mr. Hammond sends regards to Frank Clermont Archie Taliaferro and all friends in and out of the profession. My permanent address is 147 Elm street Pittsburg, Pa.

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Notes from Lew Tigner's Minstrels:—"Our show is doing a good business, playing to crowded houses nightly, Jerry Barnes is making and immense hit with his song, "Billy Barley;" Tom McIntosh is making a decided hit with his crying act. He is funnier than ever. McKissick & Jones are holding their own. James A. Jones is singing "You are My All in All." Our band led by Prof. Lacy is the finest out this season. The Nightengale three is holding its own. The entire company was entertained at a banquet given by the white people of Peru.

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Notes from P. G. Lowery's Concert Band and Vaudeville company:—We have finished our Northern trip and started our Southern tour. We met several members of Lew Tigner's company Saturday at Dayton, O. P. G. Lowery spent Sunday in Frankfort, the guest of his aunt Mrs. Payne. Mrs. Mary Lee, of Columbus visited her sister Monday at Chillicothe. Essie Williams sends regards to all friends. J. L. Jones, sends regards to J. Harry Jackson. F. B. Woods is making a big hit singing "Trouble" and "When the Cold, Cold Winds Begin to Blow." Albert Edwards sends regards to all Kansas City friends. Miss Sallie Lee spent Sunday in Columbus visiting her father.

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Jno. W. Dennis, of the team of Dennis and Jones, opened Sept. 1, at the Palace Theatre and kept the house in a roar of laughter for 15 minutes. As sable entertainers they are ranking with the top notchers. Chas. Johnson incline wire artist is the talk of the town. Miss Carrie Hall, the Southern Nightingale stands second to none as a coon shouter. Our orchestra under the leadership of Wm. Dorsey rendered some very clever selections. Chas. Johnson closed September 22 to manage a colored minstrel company. He sends regards to Babe Bluford and Happy Howe. The house is undergoing some repairs and we expect to have one of the finest theatres in the South. Want a few more good looking girls. Address J. W. Dennis stage manager; J. E. Stiles, proprietor, 10-12-14, W. Broad street, Savannah, Ga.

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Notes from the "A Honolulu Coon" company.—"Our opening at Peoria, Ill. was a grand success financinlly as well as making quite a hit as every feature went big from start to finish. Our roster is as follows:—Messrs. Shayne, Roberts & Gillen, sole proprietors; McCarver, Reed & McCarver, Misses Sadie Citizen, Georgia Dobbs, Annie Powers, Mesdames Carrie Thomas, Laura Prampin, Dora Wall, Novena West, Minnie Clemens, J. D. West, Harry Prampin, Robert Gant, W. E. Dorsey, E. M. Housely, H. H. Petitt, J. Turner Wall, Taylor Williams, Andrew Hayes, Master Harold Patterson, E. C. Harris, W. H. Spillman. E. C. Harris sends regards to Vida Vaughn and the Crosbys. The Pettits send regards to Mrs. Mollie Brown. J. D. West says to John W. Dennis, "umph, umph." Mamie Garland & Goff. E. M. Housely sends regards to all friends. He says "Hello Turk! I am still doing well. The band under Prof. Harry Prampin when completed will be not the best but as good. R. O. Henderson, says to J. H. McCamon "Did you get my letter?"

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Notes from Mahara's Northern Minstrels:—At this writing we have just finished our daily, sensational street parade and already nearly every available seat is taken for to-night which speaks well for the reputation the show has earned, which goes ahead of us. We received a bundle of The Freeman today and we delight in the perusal of them. The weather is fine and our business is splendid. John English our stage manager, electricidn and interlocutor is making good as a conversationalist. Sloan Edwards, basso, never fails to respond to two encores nightly. Billy Young and Tom Gales assisted by Jess Bohannan, in their laughable absurdity "A School for Scandulous Acting" is surely a mirth creator and the press speaks highly in their favor. The Browns-Kid and Lottie-continue to get their share of praise. We have organized a gun club with Benny Covington as president and hunting will be the order of much of our leisure hours. Our private car is cozy and comfortable and tomorrow (Sunday) the "Gent in white" will preambulate as usual. At Esther ville Ga., the boys secured their new parade hats and their latest style overcoats will meet us at Sioux Falls. All send regards to the members of the Mahara No. 2 company and all the colored organizations.

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Notes from Mahara's Western Minstrels, Frank Mahara, manager:—Large audiences gather daily and nightly to hear our advertised band concerts. Parades are unnecessary and are, of course cut out. Our band master has arranged selections from various operas to suit the size of our band and these, with other popular selections make a program that entertains all listeners. Harry J. St. Clair, cornettist and Albert Frederick, trombonist and violinist recently joined us adding strength to our band and orchestra. "No chance to breathe" was the headline of a Springfield, Mo., newspaper notice referring to the briskness with which our performers work. We are booking some good territory and will be seen in many of the principle Southern cities soon. Albert Frederick was called home on account of the serious illness of his mother at Pine Bluff, Ark. Mr. Joe Pleasant, of Macon, Mo., lost his brother Frank Pleasant with Sells & Down's circus wreck on Sept. 20. He left for Oklahoma City to attend to the remains. Prof. W. C. Handy sends regards to all friends in Henderson Ky. Mrs. Lizzie Taylor sends regards to Nettie Goff, Will Garland, Bertha Carter and Fred Bennett. Geo. Tichner is still pleasing the audiences with his many funny jokes. Frank Comar the juggler is making a big hit with his hoop and juggling act. H. D. Coleman is singing "Down in the Deep, etc.," with much success. Mrs. Lizzie Moppins sends regards to Miss Katie Washington and Mary Hicks of Henderson, Ky. Miss Taylor returns regards to Misses Jessie Dudley and Bertha Stone. We have a good manager and the ghost walks every Sunday morning. Sidney Pullam sends regards to Harry Gilliam and Laura.

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Notes from the "A Rabbit's Foot" company:—Packed houses are our rule. We are certainly getting ours. At Selma, Ala., we played to a tremendous business. The show is greatly strengthened by the addition of the famous Kitty Brown, Lizzie Roberts, contralto and Laura Logan, whose soprano singing is far above the ordinary. Our concert is a feature including such performers as Andy Williams, the frog man; the Buckingham Quartette and the big cake-walk. At Tuskegee we were greeted by a large multitude, and just 301 people stayed to our cakewalk. Not bad, eh? When we consider that all other tent shows are playing to 25 and 15c and we are charging 35 and 25c and are filling the tent, why the "A Rabbit's Foot" must be a lucky charm. We get along as one happy family and all are satisfied. A certain party tried to get some of our performers away from us but did not succeed although he made some flattering offers. We are getting money and forgive all the hard knockers for now they see they cannot keep a good man down.

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TO THE PROFESSION:—Know ye, all that LeRoy Bland, well-known to most performers, is in desperate need of funds to secure legal assistance, being in the Cook County, Ill., jail unjustly charged with murder. All in the profession are earnestly requested to help in this emergency. A private appeal to the Mahar's resulted in both shows contributing quickly. Those desiring to assist will please enclose the same to LeRoy Bland Cook County Jail, Chicago, Ill.

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Notes from Gideons Big Minstrel Carnival:—"We are in our fifth week and business has been fine. We have had the S. R. O. sign out 14 times so far. Our roster is as follows: L. E. Gideon, proprietor; Harry C. Curtis, manager; R. L. Wilton, press agent; Jack Burton, advance representative; Skinner Harris, stage manager; A. A. Copeland, stage carpenter; Oscar Bass, properties; G. W. Hall master of wardrobe; Geo. Bryant, bandmaster; Ralph Nicholas, leader of orchestra; Dan Desdunes, conversationalist; Kimmer Harris and Matt Davis, principal comedians assisted by Tom Jefferson, Frank Kirk, Wm. H. Jones Allen Sauls, Walter Hodge, Eli Rice, G. W. Hall, Geo. Jackson A. A. Copeland. Our band and orchestra members are: Frank Jackson, Albert Lawson, Amos Gilliard, Wm Jones, Dan Desdunes, A. R. Hutchins, Geo. Jackson, Jean Jacque Geo. Boquet, Matt Turner and Harry Waters, the original Rastus. Harry Rose is our porter; Mrs. Norton, cook and Mrs. Ida Lee Wright, treasurer. Little Roby Wright is the pride of the car.

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Napoleon Johnson writes from the Big Minstrel Festival:—"We are on our fourth week in the State of Texas, business is good and everything is lovely and the "goose hangs high." The sudden change in the weather has caused a number of cases of sickness on the car but nothing serious. The singing department has been handicapped by several of the members suffering from severe colds, but at present everyone is on the mend. Signor Romando, the Fillipino magician and wonder worker is meeting with success. He is daily meeting with friends and it is a pleasure to him to find some one who can converse with him in his native tongue. Simpson & Pittman send regards to Geo. Swan, Frank Clermont, Frank Walker and other professional friends. F. W. Inman sends regards to all Atlanta friends, the Whitman sisters and Jno. Baily and says, "George, why don't you write to me and home and send route? Regards to you and Spiller." Ed. Taylor, the bag puncher has not heard from a sparring partner yet. Will Malone sends regards to the Mahara push and says "Boy's, I put 35 on the 19 and everything was lovely. Dude Kelley sends regards to the "greasy front" and says boys I am still "getting mine." Turner why don't you write.

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Notes from the Famous Georgia Minstrels:—"We have just finished another State, Oregon, to good business. We cross a couple of States next week on our way East, where we intend spending our winter this season although it will be a little hard for us to face the frost and snow after having spent the past four or five winters west of the Rockies. Cooper and Jackson met their old friend Walter Daggett in Portland where he is doing well. To say that he gave Cooper and Jackson a good time is putting it far too mildly. Mr. Daggett sends regards to all his St. Louis friends and says he expects to be with them when the big thing (fair) comes off. George A. Swan closed in Seattle, Wash., and will undertake a more business like proposition for himself in Lewiston, Idaho, where he now resides and writes us is doing well so far. R. L. Wilson closed in Portland on the 9th inst. He has the best wishes of the entire company. Dick Thomas, Kid Langford, Oscar Cameron and Dave Smith four celebrities in their line as performers and appearing in their own original act entitled "Aunt Nancy's Wedding Day" is still cleaning up and the boys seemingly can't help it. They send regards to Swan and all people in and out of the profession.

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WILLIAMS & WALKERS OPENING.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

Williams & Walker opened their season at Stamford Conn., Sept. 8. "In Dahomey" a musical comedy-book by Jessie Shipp, lyrics by Paul Lawrence Dunbar and music by Will Marion Cooke, was given, on that date, its first production on any stage. In view of the drawbacks and hitches incidental to a first nights performance it is only fair to state that the play met with favorable success.

The plot of the play is in reality a "trip to Dahomey," a fact which makes its present name misleading.

After listening to favorable comments by well known performers, who were present, and criticisms by different peoplein the audience, I revert to my own opinion, which goes down in print. It was well for Williams & Walker that Dahomey was not reached until the third act of the play. The early part of the first act is draggy and needs sustenance. The entire second act is well written. Evere scene is most commendable. It is a long act but should not be shortened in favor of either the first or third acts.

Jessie Shipp, who wrote the book, presumably with assistance from Williams and Walker, is not a creator of comedy along original lines. The same trend of situations follows in routine thaoughout the play exactly as they did last season and the strong feature of a single coon comedy love scene is conspicuous by its absence. But, Williams and Walker are happily placed and that atones for anything short until we reach Dahomey. Mr. Williams has a new dance, something wonderful-wait and see it. His rendition of "Everything Going Out an Nothin Comin In" created a furore. George Walker gives the "talk of his life" in the second scene of the second act and his rich new talk receives immediate recognition.

The third act, laid in Dahomey, is a dramatic fiasco. Bert Williams is not properly dressed to correspond with Walker for this occasion. Mr. Walker will need tight silk trunks to keep his hosiery from looking defective in his over executed dance and the back framework of his shield needs covering badly. There is no literary merit to be found in a band of American Negroes taking a trip to Dahomey merely to bluff the people around after they get there. We must remember that we belong to an oppressed race ourselves and Jessie Shipp must scratch his head and write the third act over again. A little more of the manœuvres of Capt. Kidd's lost treasures, of which we hear so little, would do much to redeem this act. If Mr. Walker would dress up as an American gentleman in citizen's clothes it would be more in keeping with the situation and the other characters and Mr. Williams would not then look out of place as an eccentric masquerader.

Ada Overton Walker, the most important female in the cast, owns the stage for a short spasm of time, very short and all alone, but let us thirsty creatures be thankful even for that. The acting of Jessie Shipp was excellent. Pete Hampton, Fred Douglass, Geo. Catlin, Lottie Williams and Mrs. Hattie (Tom) McIntosh all found favor.

Alex Rogers, a good tenor, (rather light in his upper notes) and Miss Hopkins (I believe) whose name was not on the programme, met with encouraging success. The crocodile scene which introduced Marsh Craig, America's greatest contortionist, was a novel scene. He received an ovation which he richly deserved. Will Accoe directed the orchestra with much skill. The chorus and dancers were the most perfect features of the performance and the singing of Lloyd Gibbs greatly strengthened the choruses. Gibbs is the greatest tenor of his race on the stage to-day and will resume his place as soloist, later on. I will probably review this production again later in the season including the merits of its musical compositions by Dunbar and Cook.

Bob Cole, Billy McClain, Rosamond Johnson and other actors witnessed the performance.

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SONGS AND SINGERS.

We are pleased to chronicle another important transaction consummated by Messrs. M. Wittmark & Sons. They have secured a catalogue of the well known writer, Arthur Lamb, which contains among others, his popular "Chain of Daises," "Two Little Stars Say So," "The Shanty of Tumble Down Alley." "My Paradise is You" and "My Lilly." The Witmarks are pleased with this deal as they have faith in the writings of Mr. Lamb.

The wellknown artiste, Amelia Summerville has completed her selection of songs for the coming season. She is booked in the vaudeville theatres again and will sing, "I Wants a Ping Pong Man." by Howard Whitney, "Is Dat All You've Got to Say." by Peabody; "I Wants You Back My Hub" and her old standby "My Rainbow Coon."

WILBERFORCE OPEN!

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SHORT HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL!

In March, 1863, While Civil Strife was Raging, Bishop Daniel A. Payne Purchased this Famous Institution —State and Federal Aid.

Wilberforce, O., Special.—At the thirty-ninth annual commencement of Wilberforce University, at Wilberforce, O., the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Prof. John Uri Lloyd, the distinguished chemist and author, of Cincinnati, in recognition of his erudition, general usefulness to mankind, and especially his attitude toward the Negro as manifested in his famous book, "Stringtown on the Pike." Prof. Lloyd has done much to dignify the Negro problem in the estimation of the general public, and this is but a slight token of the educated Negro's appreciation of his noble service. Wilberforce University is the first institution in this country conducted by Negroes to thus recognize the true worth of a great scientist in this substantial manner.

In the catalogue of educational institutions, Wilberforce occupies a unique position. Just while that mysterious path known to history as the Underground Railroad was burdened with sore-footed and anxious pedestrians seeking a home where civil justice and the common rights of man might be enjoyed—men and women fleeing from cotton fields and rice swamps and sugar dlantations—this unique and splendid institution sprang up in their way, offering light and hope. The institution was organized in 1856 by the Methodist Episcopal church. Hon. Salmon P. Chase, then governor of Ohio, was one of its trustees. The school grew rapidly and flourished—the pioneer of a new and splendid educational movement. Nature had furnished beauties of landscape that were educated to awaken a higher appreciation for creation in the minds of those who would avail themselves of its privileges. A great ravine traversed the premises like the trail of some huge serpent; sparkling mineral springs sent their streams leaping down a rich and luxuriant hillside, while great oak and walnut trees gave abundant shade to the beautiful campus. But when the dark days of civil strife came on like a great perilons thunder storm, the termination of which witnessed the liberation of the Negro, the operation of the enterprise became impossible and so it was suspended. And yet, while the battle was still raging and the future appeared dark indeed, Bishop Daniel A. Payne, with prophetic vision and with that stern heroism which characterized his very serious and active life, purchased the property on the 10th day of March, 1863, for $10,000. Rev. James A. Shorter and Dr. John G. Mitchell became associated with Bishop Payne and thus the three are counted the founders of the university. The financial success of the institution was practically assured under the administration of this indefatigable presiding genius; its obligations were being promptly met and prosperity was not a remote possibility, when, on the very night that President Lincoln was assassinated, April 14, 1865, some unknown person set fire to the main building and in a short time it was burned to the ground.

President Payne at once set to work to rebuild. Congress, through Senators John Sherman, Charles Sumner and others, appropriated $28,000 to complete and equip the structure. Through the founders' efforts the society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological education made appropriations of $1.800 per annum for two years, and the American Unitarian Association supported a lecture course from 1868 to 1875 at a cost of $6,000. The executors of the Avery estate gave $10,000, and the will of Chief Justice Simon P. Chase contained in its first bequest $10,000 for the unversity.

The services rendered by Bishop Payne were valuable indeed. He was a very industrious and earnest worker and the impress of his personality has had a telling effect upon the lives of those who have gone out from under his influence. He resigned the presidency in 1876, and Rev. Benjamin F. Lee, D. D., a man of splendid moral and intellectual fitness, was elected to fill the vacancy. At this time the faculty was greatly strengthened by the acquisition of Prof. W. S. Scarborough, of Oberlin College. Under the successful administration of Bishop Lee, some of the most brilliant and successful young men and women of the race were sent out into the world for active service, many of whom have made their mark in the various avenues of American commerical and professional life.

In 1884 President Lee was elected editor of the Christian Recorder from which position he was elected Bishop. Prof. S. T. Mitchell was then elected President of Wilberforce University. He was a hard worker and a man of liberal education. It was very largely through his efforts, with the co-operation of Rev. Joshua H. Jones, D. D., that the combined Normal and Industrial department, supported by the state of Ohio, was established. He was also instrumental in establishing the Military department, supported by the United States government.

Rev. Joshua H. Jones, A. M., D. D., was elected president in 1900. It appears that a new era of prosperity is about to be realized for the institution under his able management. Dr. Jones is a broad minded, well educated, liberal, sincere man. He is seeking the accomplishment of great things for the university.

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NO SOUTHERN MAN DARE OPEN HIS MOUTH

The Vacilating Policy of Editor H. T. Johnson, of the Christian Recorder, Roundly Condemned—A Word for the Laity—The Smith-Chappelle Episode—The Great Reforms Needed in the Connection.

Written for The Freeman.

The A. M. E general conference which will be held in Chicago May, 1904, is becoming the topic of interest in race and newspaper circles; and much speculation is being indulged in by those who claim to know the minds of the delegates to be elected. The prophets have already started to telling the public who will be elected bishops, general officers and what changes will take place regarding the "running gear" of the connection. We shall not presume to tell what will be the ultimate outcome in any of these matters, but hope to point out items of interest that of necessity ought to do some good for "Allen's army."

One among the many items that ought to arouse the Chicago general conference to action, is the vacilating policy of the editor of the Christian Recorder. One bishop and two or three other men can secure and use all the space of this paper, while the great bulk of men prepared to help the church are to have their matter "pigeon holed" or given to the inevitable "waste basket." Dr. Johnson has recently stated that men for positions of trust and honor in the church must have their friends report elsewhere, if they wish their valor and ability known to the public. Yet no paper ever mentions the great (?) editor for the bishopric but what he uses the "scissors" and gives these clippings to the church through its official organ. If the manager and board will not see that the entire church is given fair play through the columns of the Christian Recorder, then the general conference ought to more clearly define their duties and elect an editor who will be thus governed.

The general conference ought to give the laity of the church wider representation. It is not enough to be supported by hard and earnest toiling people, and given only two lay delegates from a conference that sends six and eight ministerial delegates. Also, there ought to be a good representation of laymen in each of our annual conferences. If we had men of ability from the membership of the church represented on the church committees of the annual conferences, the work would not be "chopped up" so badly as it is now in many places; there would not be such a wild expenditure of money where in many cases the church is crippled instead of benefitted. Further, the appointments would be made with greater satisfaction; whereas, as it is, many a poor man is compelled to be picked up and moved just to satisfy the whims of some selfish presiding elder, and in many cases appointments are headed off for greedy gain. This evil would cease to exist if the laity was officially connected with the appointing powers, so as to be "officially" consulted in the making of appointments.

If it is not done before, the general conference ought to straighten out the Chappelle-Smith controversy by probing to the bottom of everything connected with the Sunday School Union. For twenty years the church has been pouring thousands of dollars into this institution; then we have been buying thousands of dollars worth of material to supply our Sunday schools, and if this department can't stand alone by having the whole church to patronize it, and let Children's day money be turned into some other channel, such as education, missions, superannuated preachers, widows and orphans, then it is a burden instead of a blessing to the church.

Dr. R. H. W. Leak is now posing as a martyr. His record as a faithful servant of the connection is well known. He claimed publicly upon the floor of the conference in Arkansas last fall that a set of organized "looters" and "bulldozers" had for years swarmed around the publication department, and that a "sink hole" was there and the benefits and "steals" went into the hands of this clan. He claimed that no Southern man dared open his mouth. Counter charges have been made that Dr. Leak was dishonest in his dealings as a business manager. The church paper that ought to have educated the public in this matter, became mute all of a sudden, and the old begging department of more than a half century's standing, is crying for help, and Dr. Leak is still "at large" stirring up the assemblies of the connection as of yore. What good can accrue to the church by keeping these hid? Hence, the conferences ought to break every unholy combination and elect delegates who will go to Chicago and shed light on this whole matter, or disband the whole concern, and center all our publication interests in one great house, say at Nashville, Tenn.

The election of Bishops and general officers will cut quite a dash in the general conference at Chicago, as it has in previous general conferences. It is to be hoped and prayed for that no such indiscriminate process will be indulged in as was so characteristic at Columbus, O, in 1900 Over anxiety for the election to take place overshadowed every other business of the conference. There was no power under heaven, it seems, to have checked or prevented the election of Dr. Coppin to the bench, and today, with the glittering glory that is crowning his work across the sea, his heart would enjoy the same much more had there been another ballot taken and prevented that "suspension" of all known Methodist rules and elected him by "acclamation." No man worked harder for the election of Dr. C. S. Smith than myself, but it is to be hoped that no other one man, for holding an honest opinion, will be threatened and abused by the friends of another candidate, as was Dr. H. C. C Astwood.

We have many good and strong men worthy and capable of filling any position in the gift of the general conference. Here is a strong team to select our bishops from, if we elect any: Rev. J. M. Conner, D D, of Little Rock, Ark., a man gifted in pulpit power, a great theologian, a well known and eminent author and a successful pastor and presiding elder; Dr. W. D. Chappelle, secretary of the Sunday School Union, who would go on the bench with that same fire that he uses in other places in church, thereby greatly helping the rank and file everywhere. In case of the election of Dr. Chappelle, no man would be better fitted for the position of secretary of the Sunday School Union than Dr. J. A. Davis, of Nashville, Tenn., or Dr. R. R Downs, of Indianapolis, Ind. Rev. J. A. Lindsay, of Georgia, would make a great Missionary Secretary; also Dr. J. W. Rankin, of Texas, and D. A. Graham, of Louisiana. Let Prof. Kealing keep the Review. He is the one man for the place. Give the Church Extension management to a layman, and turn the editorship of the Christian Recorder over to either Dr. J. M. Henderson, Dr. L. H. Reynolds or R. C Ransom, D. D, of Chicago. Our society of Allen Christian Endeavor ought to be made a permanent department, and the salary of the manager, or a part of it, paid by the financial board, and elect Dr. P. W. Wells its manager.

There are many other men that might be mentioned in connection with these and other places, but space forbids at this writing. I am looking for some one to "turn the dogs lose" on me. Let them "yelp"—we have much more and will yet say it. J. G. ROBINSON.

Baxter, Ark.

THE COLORED MAN, FACTS WORTH REMEMBERING

(BY GEORGE BANCROFT GRIFFITH)

A picture called "The Miracle of the Slave," or its original, according to Charles Sumner's own words, did more than any one thing toward his first election to congress. The last act of Mr. Sumner's life—clasping a colored man's hand and holding it while he lived—gave evidence, even unto death, of his abiding devotion to the cause which had absorbed so much of his soul in life It has been claimed that Judge E R Hoar held Mr. Sumner's hand in the supreme moment when life departed, but this is a mistake. The facts are that after this great Senator had consigned the honorable responsibility to Judge Hoar of seeing that his civil rights bill should not fail, he took the hand of George T. Downing, a life long colored friend, which he held until his spirit took its flight.

Further, in answer to that lingering pro slavery spirit which would withhold the title and the rights of manhood from a person with a black skin, allow me to call attention to these additional facts:

It has been proven that the first martyr of the American revolution was Crispus Attucks, a Negro, who died resisting the encroachments of British soldiers upon the rights of the citizens of Boston; that the shot which brought down Major Pitcairn, the commander of British marines at the battle of Bunker's Hill, was fired by Peter Salem, a Negro; that the capture of the British Major General Prescott, at Newport on the 9th of July, 1777, was effected by the indispensable help of a Negro man named Prince, and that the battle of Rhode Island, on the 29th of August, 1778, was won by the bravery of a regiment of black men under the command of Colonel Greene.

I remember well the first regiment of black men that was ever mustered into the National service during our great Civil War. I was present on the parade ground when they received their regimental colors. Not long afterward that regiment led the column of attack upon Fort Wagner, in Charleston harbor, one of the bloodiest assaults of the long strife for the supremacy of the Union, and in which, if we mistake not, the son of Daniel Webster fell at the head of his command. Close beside him was the color-sergeant of the regiment, a brave black man, who toppled over covered with wounds. When he fell, instead of relinquishing the colors which he bore, he took them carefully from their staff, wrapped them about his person, and then, being too weak to move in any other manner, he crawled away from the field of carnage upon his hands and knees. When he was picked up by the outposts of the camp he had barely strength enough remaining to say to his comrades, "Here's the old flag; thank God it hasn't touched the ground"

[Cut this out and put it in your historical scrap-book. It will serve you as a reference hereafter. What I claim for the black man I do not claim on any ground of expediency, but on the high ground of equal, God-given right]

—East Lempster, N. H.

In The Field of Business.

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Bradstreet's gives us some very interesting statistics under the subject "Causes of business success and failures."

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A—Due to fault of those failing:		
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2	Inexperience (Without other incompetence)	828
2	Lack of capital	3223
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6	Neglect of business (do to doubtful habits)	322
7	Personal extravagance	101
8	Fraudulent disposition of property	1154
B—Not to faults of those failing:		
9	Specific conditions (Disaster etc.)	1755
10	Failure of others (Of apparently solvent debtors)	259
11	Special or undue competition	456
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As there was a time when it was considered undignified for women to ride on steam cars so, also, thre was a time when it was considered undignified to advertise.

"The idea of advertising; if what he's got to sell is good the people will find it out." That perhaps, in a sense, was true once, when our cities were in the early thousands in population, when newspapers and printing were a novelty and when everybody knew everybody else and talked about what they knew. To day, however, when our cities are in the hundreds of thousands in population when newspapers and printed matter can be had for a comparatively trifling amount, and when people read more and talk less than in "ye olden times" to think of not advertising one's business is preposterous and a very good sign of poor success. What a business man has in stock, he has there to be sold and the quicker he sells it and buys more, the sooner he will be successful and independent. We may have the best kind of stock and, among it, things that people are actually in need of, if they do not hear of our having the goods we need not expect them as customers.

The enterprises that have been built up by advertising, and the great advantage of this method of securing trade, have been the means of bringing out many original and novel ideas about the best way to advertise. While there are many novel and attractive ways, some of which pay, the newspaper as an advertising medium has by far become the most generally used. Though this kind of advertising requires ability of a special kind, a summary of its principles may be stated thus: Advertise regularly, be plain and honest, be impressive, brief and write to the point.

NAHUM D. BRASCHER,
249 Brownell Street, Cleveland O.

Interesting News Items.

Selma, Ala, Special.—A jolly party consisting of about 25 couples went to Birmingham Ala., to attend the National convention. Among the party was Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Coleman, Prof R. B. Hudson, Rev. and Mrs. L P. Foster, Mrs. W. L Gilliam and a number of others. Ed Walker, the popular usher of Brown chapel should, by all means, train up a few more young men to take a bold stand in the church. J. E. Sullivan the energetic young playwright has been asked to return to his favorite, "As by Fire" in the near future. F. H. Weaver's cafe is open only to those who are not looking for trouble. A very pleasant time was spent with James Jones and the trolly ride, Wednesday night. About 40 couple participated. Brook's string band and refreshments wer enjoyable features. The races were a complete surprise to the old medal holder, B. Smith. J. M. Reid won the championship. The Whitman Sisters are showing here to good crowds every night. To much can not be said of Willie Robinson as he is the largest part of the show. John Kirk shot and killed Richard Morgan on the 10th about a worthless dog. Kirk is in jail, Morgan dead and the dog still runing about.

"The problem of rest is no less complete than that of fatigue. Under some conditions it is the muscles which are first exhausted, the brain and nerve cells remaining relatively fresh. While the nerve fibers themselves, the function of which is to conduct impressions, recent experiments show to be hardly more subject to fatigue than an electric wir. The worst, and no doubt most common, type of fatigue is nerve-fag, and this is easiest caused by care, worry anxiety, or by doing work for which there is no zest, but rather repugnance or at least, indifference Hence, it follows that to turn on interest cures exhaustion and converts work into play. A farmer wished some large piles of small stones thrown into a ditch a few rods away. It was late in the afternoon, and he knew his boys would plead fatigue, so he pretended to find a big nest of snakes in the water and began to stone them himself with great eagerness The boys joined in the sport, and the work was done before the end of the hour with actual refreshment, because the play-instict was a relay. So the problem of over-pressure in school, of which we hear so much, would not only vanish but children can do much more work than is required and without harm under teachers who have the art of inciting interest. The fatigue of forced work is very real, but there are two ways of increasing a fraction. One is by lessening its denominator and the other by increasing its numerator; so to augment interest is a form of rest.

"Change of work is often real rest. Every one ought to have an avocation as well as a vocation, and cultivate an amateur interest in some form of exercise, game or culture very remote from his line of bread-winning activity. Perhaps no tire is so acute as that which is very partial and involves certain muscle movements and brain centers, leaving others perhaps over-rested By exercising the latter and, as it were, equalizing the area of fatigue or making it more symmetrically distributed. Many of the best effects of rest are secured. Many of even the diseases of exhaustion are because energy of one part of our psycho physic organism is overdrawn, while that of other parts is over-rested. This may make even sleep partial and haunted by the specters of the night. Every one who works with his muscles should carefully reserve some fraction of the day for reading and intellectual work. We are prone to forget that this is just as important as for lierary men to take exercise It is really amazing what one can do with only a fragment of a day and of their total strength if it is systematically used in one direction. Those who seek recreation in mere amusements of a frivolous nature are wasting precious time and capacity."

HALF RATES

To Cleveland and Return via Big Four Route on Accou t of Hungarian Celebration.

For the celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Louis Kossuth, round trip tickets to Cleveland Ohio, and return, will be on sale Sept. 26 and 27, 1902, from all "Big Four" points at the rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good for return to and including Sept. 29, 1902. By depositing ticket with Joint Agent not later than 6 o'clock p. m. Sept. 29, 1902, and on payment of fee of 50 cents at time of deposit, an extension of return limit to leave Cleveland to and including, but not later than Oct. 28, 1902, may be obtained. For full information and particulars as to rates, tickets, limits, call on agents "Big Four Route" or address Warren J. Lynch, G. P. & T. A., or W. P. Deppe, Asst. G. P. & T. A., Cincinnati, Ohio.

HALF RATES

To Indianapolis, and return via Big Four Route account Knights of Pythias and Rathbone Sisters. Round trip tickets to Indianapolis and return, will be on sale Oct. 6 and 7, 1902, from all "Big Four" points in Indiana at the rate of one fare for the round trip, except no rates less than 25 cents. Tickets will be good for return and including October 10th, 1902. For full information and particulars as to rates, tickets, limits, call on agents "Big Four Route," or address Warren J. Lynch, Gen'l Pass. and Ticket Agt., or W. P. Deppe, Asst. G. P. & T. A., Cincinnati, Ohio.

A Miraculous Feat.

"It seemed that nothing short of a miracle could save my little daughter from an untimely death," says City Marshall A. H. Malcolm, of Cherokee, Kan. "When two years old she was taken with stomach and bowel trouble and despite the efforts of the best physicians we could procure, she grew gradually worse and was pronounced incurable. A friend advised Dr. Miles' Nervine and after giving it a few days she began to improve and finally fully recovered. She is now past five years of age and the very picture of health."

Sold by all Druggists.

Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Crimp Less

ELECTRIC HAIR STRAIGHTENER

A device for taking the crimp out of the hair using heat electricity generated to do the work. Fifteen minutes used each week will keep the hair smooth straight. Recommended by the leading tonsorirlists and hair dressers throughout the United States. Can be attached to any incandescent light socket.

No chemicals or acids to injure the hair.

Sent by express prepaid anywhere in the United States upon receipt of postoffice, or express, money order for $8.00.

Agents wanted everywhere, liberal commissions, exclusive territory.

CRIMPLESS MFG. CO.
1115 Missouri Trust B'ldg. ST. LOUIS, MO.

ALWAYS ASK FOR

Whittemore's Polishes

The World's Standard

The Oldest and Largest Manufacturers of Shoe Polishes in the World.

"Gilt Edge" for Ladies' and Children's Black Shoes

"Dandy" for all Russet and Tan Shoes

"Superb" (a Paste) for Patent or Enameled Leather Shoes

"Elite" for "box calf" and black "Vici Kid" Shoes

"Champion" Friction Polish (a black liquid)

ONCE USED, ALWAYS USED

Lightning Dye (blacks any color shoes), per qt... $0.75

"Boston" Heel and Edge Polish, per qt ... .75

Liquid Cleaners (all colors), per qt., 35c; per gal ... 1.00

Polishing Paste (all colors), per doz., large, 75c; medium, 42c; per ¼-lb. box, 15c; per ½-lb. box ... .25

WHITTEMORE BROS. & CO.
20-22-24 and 26 Albany Street, BOSTON, MASS

GREAT WESTERN

Dyeing and Cleaning Works
1002 Morgan St.
St. Louis Mo.

Suits cleaned and pressed, $1.50 ... $2.00

Overcoats cleaned and pressed, $1 25 ... $1.50

All work done by French dye process chemical.

Express charges on foreign orders paid one way. Positively we make old clothing new. Hotel and Railway Porters' uniforms a specialty

DR. D. W. OULP

Twentieth Century Negro Literature

WRITTEN BY

ONE HUNDRED OF AMERICA'S GREATEST NEGROES

and Edited by DR. D. W. CULP.

This book contains One Hundred Treatises on Thirty-Eight General Topics in which the negro problem is viewed from every possible standpoint. No work could more fully represent the higher stratum of negro citizenship. It will furnish the basis of future calculations on all race subjects. There are

100 PORTRAITS AND 100 BIOGRAPHIES

of the writers. To see the pictures and read the lives of the hundred most prominent negroes is to have a fair knowledge of the entire race. Over 700 large pages and retails at $2.50 in cloth, postpaid.

AGENTS. We want 5,000 canvassers at once to introduce this great book. Highest commissions paid. Books on credit. Agents' magnificent sample book for 35c. to pay mailing expenses. Write for our proposition at once. This is the opportunity of your life.

J. L. NICHOLS & CO., Naperville, Illinois.

FREE SAMPLES OF MEDICINE
CANCER and SKIN DISEASES
WRITE J. C. PETIT, M.D. 1216 OLIVE ST.
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THIRD WARD REPUBLICAN CLUB

TENTH AND MISSOURI STREETS.

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Henry Williams, Treasurer.

WONDERFUL DISCOVERY

Curly Hair Made Straight By

TAKEN FROM LIFE:
BEFORE AND AFTER TREATMENT.

ORIGINAL
OZONIZED OX MARROW
(Copyrighted.)

This wonderful hair pomade is the only safe preparation in the world that makes kinky or curly hair straight as shown above. It nourishes the scalp and prevents the hair from falling out or breaking off, cures dandruff and makes the hair grow long and silky. Sold over forty years and used by thousands. Warranted harmless. Testimonials free on request. It was the first preparation ever sold for straightening kinky hair. Beware of imitations. Get the Original Ozonized Ox Marrow as the genuine never fails to keep the hair straight, soft and beautiful. A toilet necessity for ladies, gentlemen and children. Elegantly perfumed. The great advantage of this wonderful pomade is that by its use you can straighten your own hair at home. Owing to its superior and lasting qualities it is the best and most economical. It is not possible for anybody to produce a preparation equal to it. Full directions with every bottle. Only 50 cents. Sold by druggists and dealers or send us 50 cents for one bottle or $1.40 for three bottles. We pay all express charges. Send postal or express money order. Write your name and address plainly to

OZONIZED OX MARROW CO.,
76 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

We are your servants submitted to the will in common judgment of the people. This being true we only ask your protection to the amount of $1.50, less than 3c per week

The Freeman for sale every Saturday at Epps' shaving parlor No. 139 Main street W., Rochester, N. Y.

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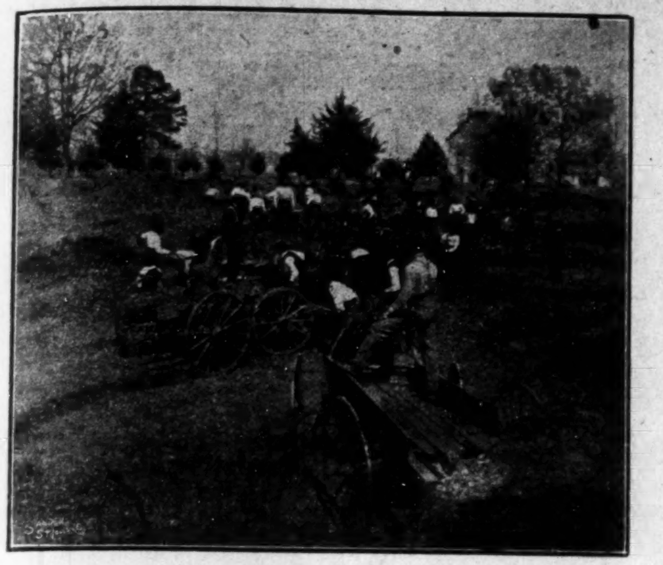

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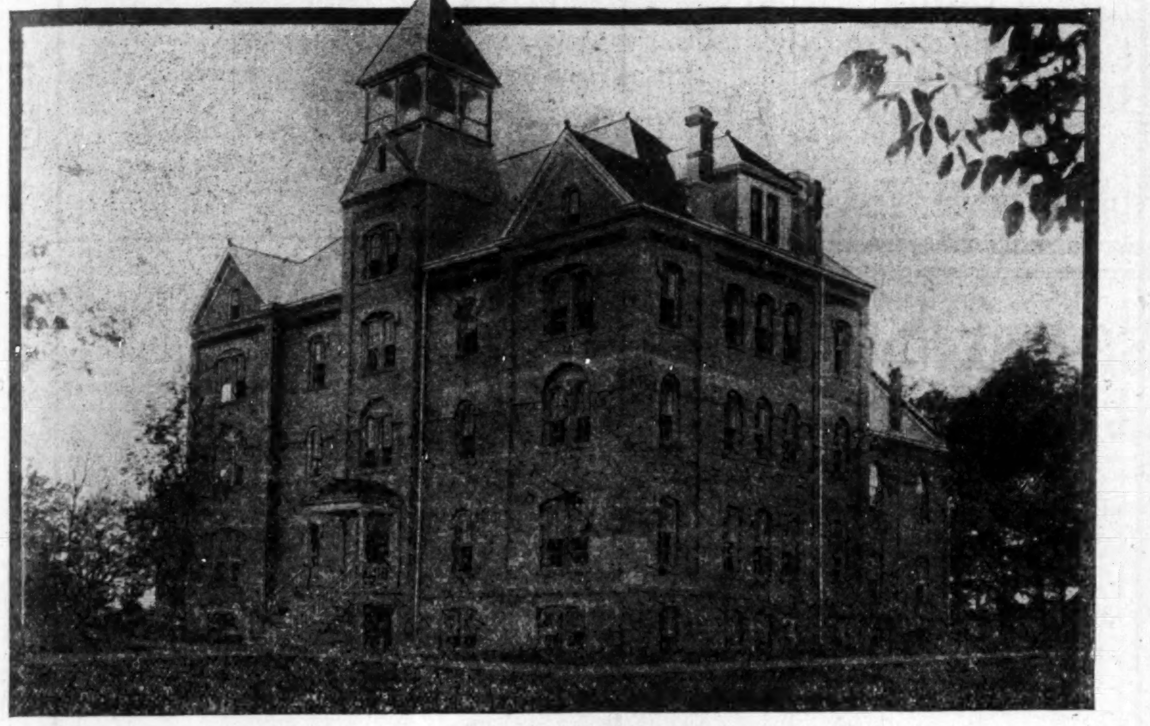

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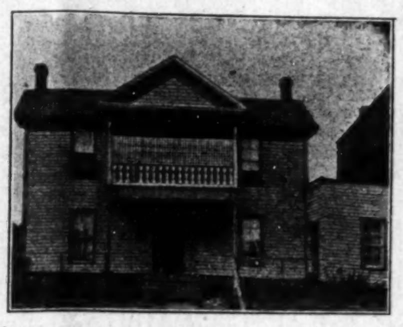

SOUTHERN COTTAGE, HOT SPRINGS.

Mrs. Blanche Brown, Manager and Mrs. C. H. Carrington, proprietor.

Madam McNairdee-Moore

The gifted Clairvoyant, the great female wonder, born with the double(caul) veil, she is one of the old ancient Southern Clairvoyants of New Orleans. She's a living Phrenologist and Physiogomist. She tells plainly what you are best adapted for in life by reading your brains and mind. With a grasp of her hand she gives you a coil of influence to enable you to overcome all bad luck. She has made thousands of homes happy. Read the fifth chapter ix verse of St. Matt: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." She reunites the separated, makes peace where there is confusion. Your husband or wife will never become angry or your sweet heart forsake you. But will love you better and marry you sooner it you will only heed this lady's consultation. Read what several ladies of your city say, "Yes, we believe her a Godsend to our city; my husband and I had been seperated over a year and just think since I called on this lady, he returned today, we are together and happy." This young lady says: "The one loved refused to call or write me; I called on this lady and we are now engaged." You can't afford to miss consulting this gifted lady; she is gifted to read characters. She challenges the world to excell her advice on love, losses business, family and financial troubles. Re-unites the separated causes speedy marriage with the one of your choice. No cards allowed in her place of business; no one's ill wishes filled; strictly a Christian lady and depends entirely on her heavenly gift. If you are painful or ailing, think you have been witchcrafted go to see her. She spent eight years in the Jungles of Africa and has travelel through 34 states doing good wherever she went. Read St. John, 9th chap. 33d ver: "If this man is not of God he could do nothing.

Three parlors so arrainged that you meet no friends nor strangers: everything confidential. Owing to such crowds you may call night or day. Permanently located. Send money by postal order or Registered letter

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MADAM McNAIRDEE-MOORE

has recently married and wishes all to address her as above at her old stand. She certainly is the wonderful woman of the 20th Century. She has made a many heart happy through her wonderderful power. I, for one, as one in the midst, My heart ached from the cruel treatment of my husband and the way he would throw away his time and money until I consulted this wonderful lady It will soon be a year. Through her he has become a loving husband; and today he presents me with a lovely lot on which he will in the spring erect a home. Tongue can't praise her too highly. A LADY of New Iberia, La.

WRITE HER AT ONCE FOR ALL INFORMATION.

There is no doubt of this lady's prophetic power. She is a living phrenologist, palmist and a natural born clairvoyant to which thousands will testify. She is a God send to our country—born with a gift that no one can dictate. Tell you every incident of your past and present life and put you on the road of success both financially and physically if you will only heed her instructions. I called on her when the one I love had gone I knew not where and he returned at once, and today I am his dear wife.

A LADY of Fort Gibson, Ind. T.

Madame.—I feel it my duty to do this for you are all you advertise. Just think my husband and I have been separated 2 years; I called on you in September and in a week's time he returned and married me, and I can't praise you too much. Ladies that are heart-broken by family troubles, love affairs and bad luck until it seem that life is a blank, call or write to this dear lady, she will do you good; she will tell you to trust God and she will do the balance, and she will. A LADY of Rossland, B. C.

Dear Sisters and Brothers—Call on her when you can, she will be please to meet you and will when ever you wish to. She devotes her entire time for the welfare of the people believing God will reward her She will make your very soul glad to hear her talk of heaven for she writes such soul searching letters, tells you how to make home happy. Please always enclose stamp for answer. Here she is as she looks today and a bride three weeks.

N.B.—Send lock of hair accompanied by one dollar ($1. 00) and receive full life reading. Clip this ad.

608 N. West Street, cor. Indiana Ave.,
INDIANAPOLIb, IND.,
MADAME McNAIRDEE-MOORE,

DR. M. A. MAJORS WRITES OF CHICAGO

And the Possibilities of the Negro in the Large Cites—His Moral and Religious Status.

The longer one lives in the large cities the more he sees to interest him provided he has the temperament of the spectator, and is desirous of embracing opportunities calculated to enlarge his understanding and his sphere of usefulness in the world and peradventure jot down here and there some sober sentimentality that occasionally some pitiable fool might find fit for serious contemplation.

It is the result of study and research that fills the philosophers heart with benevolence for all mankind True, there is at all times some sinister motive, calculated to cause people to believe in the doctrines which he might advance as a righteous law, and yet selfish or unselfish if good is attained, let him increase; the world does not contain enough of his kind. Chicago has many such philanthropists. A few Negroes engaged in such work, who are enroute to the distinction the world is always willing to accord men of learning, backed up by religious piety and self sacrifice in a manner. At this age of the Nation's greatness every large city has its prominent negro characters; prominent in the church, at the bar, in the profession of medicine, dentistry, commerce, industry and the trades. These great Negro forces augment race recognition in places of worth and prominence that is nearly difficult to believe. The contact with great minds in all the professions, trades and lines of industry daily is becoming to be a giant lever in the race growth and strength that will so fit the race along the line of self-help self-patronage and self-protection as will astound those who see nothing good in a Negro unless he is plowing a mule on forty acres of rented land

The large city is acting upon the pliant mind of the Negro as a large institution of learning. Here he gets an idea of things pregnant with a conception of our astounding, appalling civilization. Here he has a chance to outgrow his four-wall idea of home, his primary idea of an education, his $200 idea of wealth and his two by four idea of statesmanship Here he hears the great divines, the learned orators, the sage councellors of law; meets the merchant princes, comes face to face with strongest proofs of well directed effort along all avenues of trade and business, all to some good purpose. The time is not ripe for the race to launch his frail bark into the sea of competion and struggle against the negative forces in its composition. The time has not come for the race to applaud its own gladiators, the quintesence of malicious slave teaching still strikes a discord in our social organization and rancors with the blood of self mistrust transfused in our veins by the demon lust of the wicked master. For thirty-five years the race has struggled along against obstacles and over obstructions and traversed a wilderness of thorns, gaping chasms, torrents of abuse, procription, misrepresentation, fire, blood and all the unholy assaults known to christendom; Oh horror! What is hell but this? and not yet free from the tyranny of helplessness. And yet these years have been spent acquiring knowledge, wealth, moral sobriety and serving a christian's God. The city with all its great possibilities has some tendencies on the weaker elements of the race that are pernicious, but here as elsewhere operates the maelstrom of concerted forces of degredation that know no color and is partial only to the revelers of reprobation and ruin.

Strange to say that a race no stronger financially and so incapable of providing great needs, can stand at all in a free and wicked city like Chicago. And yet I am compelled to say that many of the noblest christians, self-sacrificing, God-fearing men and women it has been my pleasure to meet are living here, letting their lights shine that others may see their good works. Certainly no race is as strong morally and religiously as our own poor weak struggling race. The good and the bad are here. But respecting the Negro the preponderance is in our favor in the proportion of 16 to 1. This can not be said of any other race of people in any great city. Those coming to Chicago are not here very long before out of their lonliness, if their other noble qualities do not force them, soon become members of some one of the several great churches. Nor can it be said that Chicago is peoulated with the riff raff of the country but to the contrary it is admitted that the Negro stands nearer equality with the better element of the white race than in any other large city in America.

The race happily does not enter into the labor strife of the unions and similar bodies of labor and trade The Negro has a monopoly on certain kinds of work that he does not care to perform. But. do not be surprised to see the Negro doing anything for which he has a willingness. Race prejudice is everywhere in America, maybe not so glaring as in the South. There are some features of race prejudice that we shall treat in a subsequent letter to the Freeman.

M. A. MAJORS, M. D.

News Items from the Sunny South.

Meridian, Miss, Special.—Mrs. R. Logan and daughter, Miss Gertie, will leave in a few weeks to join her husband. Walter Block will leave in a few days for Washington, D. C., to attend a dental school. Rev. Riven says he has buried about thirty persons in August, twenty were babies. The death rate is very great among the young. The Baptist Seminary opened Sept. 15. The Meridian Academy and Industrial School and the public schools opened Sept. 22. The Lincoln school will open Sept. 30. Rev. E. L Longley and wife of Washington, N. C., have been preaching on 25th avenue and 5th street the past week at night. They are good workers for the Master May the Lord bless them wherever they may go. Mrs. P. A. Griffin and Carrie Glover left for Birmingham, Ala, on the 14th to attend the National Convention which met there on the 17th. Rev. L. S Lee, N. W. Wallace, P Pringle, H. L. Young, S. M. Moore and M. W. Williams left on the 16th to attend the National Convention. Jesse Johnson, a member of New Hope Baptist church, died Sept. 13th. He was buried in the City Cemetery on the 14th, Rev. L. S. Lee, pastor New Hope Baptist church, officiated. Z. T. Morrisett, who fell off a scaffold August 50th and hurt himself very badly, is not resting very well at present. Misses Corine and Chestena Welch left a few weeks ago to attend Tuskegee, Ala., Normal school, of which Prof. B. T. Washington is president. We wish them success. Miss Ophelia Peterson, who has been sick for several months, died at her home on Thirty-first avenue near Fourteenth street, on Sunday, the 14th, about 12 o clock. She was a sweet girl. Her funeral was attended at the First Baptist church on Sept. 15th at 3 p. m. by Rev. N. W. Wallace of Pilgrim Progress Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. H. L. Young, being absent at Lexington, Miss. She was buried in Masonic Cemetery. Misses Martha McNeece and Minnie L. Hardin left Sept. 13th for Laurel, where they will teach in the public school this season, Miss Mary Harris left for Tongaloo University this week. Miss Nina Marshall led the Christian Endeavor at the Congregational church on Sunday evening, Sept. 14th. Quite a good crowd was out and took part. J. W. Longstreet, D. G. M., has been confined to his bed for about two weeks suffering from an internal injury received in a wreck on the A. & V. railroad, August 28th, in which the fireman was killed. His name was Bronson, colored. The engineer was also badly injured. Mr. F. Spann of Macon was in the city attending the opening of the Baptist Seminary, which opened Sept. 15th. An old fashion concert was given Thursday night, Sept. 11th, at the Meridian Academy for the benefit of St. Paul M. E. church conducted by Mrs. J. L. Wilson. Eugene Peterson of Mobile and Mrs. Pollie Fincher of Birmingham, Ala., were notified of the death of Miss Peterson by wire. They both are expected to arrive in time for the funeral. Rev. Dr. J. Farish preached an old time Baptist sermon at New Hope Baptist church on Sunday evening, the 14th, to a large congregation. Dr. Farish is an old time Baptist preacher; he speaks plain and to the point. Rev. J. W. Isable preached an able sermon at St. Paul M. E. church, Sunday afternoon, the 14th, at 3 o'clock, to a fair congregation. On Sunday, the 21st, at 10 a. m. the Rev. S. D. Hymon was ordained at New Hope Baptist church to pastorate Mt. Pleasant Baptist church, south of Meridian. He preached at 8 p. m. Revs. Lee, Wallace, Moore, Davis, Winston and others were in attendance.

Cures Weak Men Free

A Simple Home Treatment Which Never Fails to Restore Full Strength and Vigor of Youth

SENT FREE TO ALL

There is no longer any need for men to suffer from lost vitality, night losses, varicocele, etc., when it can be cured almost like magic in the privacy of your own home and restore small weak organs to their strength and vigor of youth by a new discovery which any man can use. Simply send your name and address to the Dr. Knapp Medical Co., 753 Hull Building, Detroit Mich., and they will gladly send you the Doctor's full prescription free and everything necessary for a quick and lasting cure.

The following taken from their daily mail shows what men say who have taken advantage of this grand free offer.

"Dear Sir:—Please accept my sincere thanks for yours of recent date, I have given your treatment a thorough test and the benefit has been extraordinary. It has completely braced me up. I am just as vigorous as when a boy, and you cannot realize how happy I am."

"Dear Sir:—Your method worked beautifully. Results were exactly what I needed. Strength and vigor have completely returned and enlargement is entirely satisfactory.

"Dear Sir:—Yours was received and I had no trouble in making use of the receipt as directed and can truthfully say it is a boon to weak men."

Don't stop to wonder how they can afford to do all this, but send to-day; the offer is genuine and the prescription will be sent by return mail in a perfectly plain envelope absolutely free, just as stated. Write to-day and soon you'll be happy.

WANTED

10 000 GIRLS TO KISS THEIR SWEETHEARTS AND ASK THEM TO VOTE FOR

LEW SHANK

FOR

RECORDER.

VOTE FOR

Robert Metzger

The Republican nominee for Sheriff of Marion county, election November 4.

VOTE FOR

William E. Davis

Republican nominee for Clerk of Marion county, election November 4.

VOTE FOR

Cyrus J. Clark

The Republican nominee for Auditor of Marion county, election November 4.

THE NEWPORT

FINEST TONSORIAL PARLOR IN THE WEST

WM. EDMOND, PROP.

No. 1919 Market street, St. Louis, Mo. Hot and cold baths, 6 tickets for $1.00. Clean linen used with every customer. Branch Anchor Steam Laundry. Fine line imported and Domestic cigars.

HALF RATES PLUS $1.00

To Chicago and return via Big Four Route account of National Encampment of the Union Veteran Legion. Round trip tickets to Chicago and return, will be on sale Oct. 6 and 7, 1902, from all "Big Four" points at the rate of one fare for the round trip, plus $1.00. Tickets will be good for return to and including October 16th, 1902.

Deposit of Tickets—Tickets will be of iron-clad signature form, requiring deposit with F. C. Donald, Commissioner C. P. A., room 916 Tribune Building, corner Dearborn and Madison streets, Chicago, before 6 p. m. of Oct. 8, 1902, and fee of 25 cents paid at time of deposit.

Return Limit.—Tickets deposited as provided in preceding paragraph may be reclaimed not later than 10 o'clock p. m. of Oct, 16, 1902, but not earlier than two hours before departure from Chicago, and will be good to leave Chicago only on date executed by the Commissioner. but in no event later than 12 o'clock midnight of October 16, 1902. For full information and particulars as to rates, tickets, limits, call on Agents "Big Four Route," or address Warren J. Lynch, Gen. Pass. & Tkt, Agt. W. P. Deppe, Asst. G. P. & T. A. Cincinnati, O.

The Freeman in Hot Springs, Ark.

Copies of The Freeman can be found every Saturday at Prof. Andrew Stuart's optical store. 114 Ma vern avenue; Henry F Foster general agent Sparrow street.

Sale of Odd Pieces of

Muslin Underwear

Those broad counters on the second floor are to be cleared absolutely of Muslin Underwear within the next day or two. All the sample garments, all the soiled ones, all the odd pieces, all, but the few full assortments that are carried the year round, are to go.

SKIRTS. GOWNS. DRAWERS

Garments which sold at prices upward to $4 a few as high as $4 95, assorted in three lots at—

75c, $1.25 and $1.98

You can't come too soon. There's no reserve stock to replenish lots once sold out.

L. S. AYRES & Co

Indiana's Greatest Distributors of Dry Goods.

CITY AND SOCIETY BRIEFS.

Emsidel Stone spent Sunday in Chicago.

Dr. Fred Stokes spent Sunday in Cincinnati.

B. J. Yantis of Chicago, is in the city for a week.

Mrs. A. C. Richardson is in Chicago tor a few weeks.

Z. W. Young of Chicago, is in the city for a few days.

Mrs. Clarence Dunlap is spending a few weeks in Chicago.

Mr. Anderson of Battle Creek, Mich., is visiting his son Fred.

Miss Abbie Crawford of Milton, Ind., is visiting at Mrs. Sallie Robinson.

Mr. Crawford of Milton, Ind., was here attending the State Fair last week.

Mrs. Lucretia Knox has returned to the city after a five-weeks' visit in Chicago.

Mr. Primus of Terre Haute, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Thralkelt in Eleventh street.

Mrs. Jacob Davis of Jacksonville, Ill., is in the city guest of her neice, Miss Dayse Walker.

Mr. Alexander of New Albany, Ind., is taking a course in medicine at the medical school here.

Bonaparte Beatty has returned from Paris, Ky., where he was called to the bedside of his sick brother.

Messrs. George Lindsay and Alonzo Cox of Lebanon, were in the city visiting friends and relatives Tuesday.

Mrs. John Morine and daughter, Flora of Muncie, Ind., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Curry last week.

John D. Clair 1001 Fourth avenue, Tampr Fla., is The Freeman representative; copies can be secured every Saturday.

Mrs. Jane Slaughter, New Albany, Ind., is visiting her son's family, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Slaughter, 623 W. Eleventh street.

Master James Lee and Miss Agnes Booth will leave Monday evening for Hampton, Va., where they will attend the Hampton Institute.

A number of young men entertained Miss Myrtle Toliver of Cincinnati at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown Wednesday evening.

William Merriwethers, Miss Helen Allison, Mrs. Ritta Perry and two children, were the guests of Miss Mamie Newsome in Chicago Sunday.

To-morrow is rally day at Simpson Chapel. Rev, Gilliam and the trustees are asking for $300. There will be services at 11 a. m., 3 p. m., and at night.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Robinson entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Sunday evening their mother, Mrs. Susan Jackson, also a sister, Miss Ethel of Bloomington, Ind.

The pulpit of Bethel church will be occupied by some divine from the annual conference Sunday morning and evening. Mrs. Lucretia Knox will render a solo.

Mrs Fanny Martin of South Bend and her daughter, Mrs. Lois Long of Edinburg, left Monday for their respective homes after a pleasant stay of a few days with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackelwaine Hall spent Sunday in Chicago the guests of Mrs. Hall's uncle. Mr. Hall contemplates making Chicago his permanent home, if he should we will loose a very valuable citizen.

Some of the visitors to the city last week were Misses Rosa Lill and Maggie Bell of Cincinnati, O, Mrs. French of Covington, Ky., and Miss Liza Johnson of Louisville, Ky., the latter will remain probably two weeks, the guest of Mrs. L. W. Allen in Dorman street.

Rev. Martin Coleman, pastor of Allen Chapel, left on Tuesday for the Annual Conference, which convened in Terre Haute, Wednesday. The officiary of his church and the congregation are much pleased with the reverend gentleman for his short stay he has been with them and hope for his return.

Rally day for Y. M. C. A., at Ninth Presbyterian Church Sunday 3:30 p. m. Addresses by Rev. J. E. Mooreland, international secretary Y. M. C. A., Washington, D. C.; Prof. H. T. Kealing of Philadelphia, Pa., and Hon. R. A. Brown. Come and hear them. Special music. The public, ladies and all are invited. Under management of Hon. George L. Knox.

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Notable, Newsy Nuggets.

Toledo, O., Special.—Mesdames Maly and Wilson, of Dayton, visited here last week. Messrs. Phillips, of Tennessee, and Fox, of Kentucky, are stopping with Mrs. Archie Allen. Miss Rose Harrison spent Sunday with relatives in Kenton. Edward Lewis visited friends in Detroit Sunday. Mr. Demorville, of Chicago, is spending a week in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson. Walter Wells, the accidental insurance agent, of Cleveland, spent several days in the city last week on business, and was the guest of Albett Anderson, 219 Ewe street. Albert Toliver, of Saline, spent Sunday with his wife and son. Mrs. John Davis entertained at a five course tea Wednesday evening in honor of her niece, Miss Daisy Gibson. A number of young people were present. Mrs. J. P, Haynes entertained Mrs. John Davis and Miss Daisy Gibson at Tea Friday evening. The Lookout Circle of Kings Daughters served dinner and supper at Warren A. M. E. church on Monday. In the evening an excellent program was rendered.

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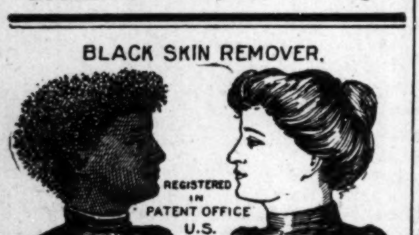
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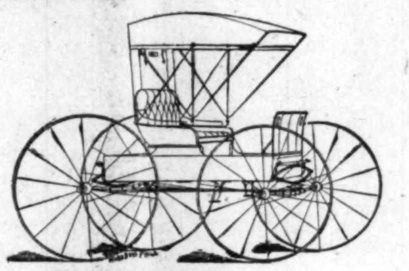

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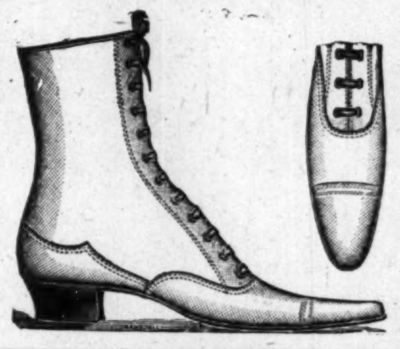

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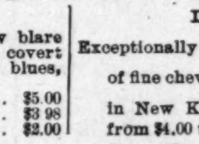

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